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Pushing past 'gas station mentality'

Connecticut charging-station manufacturer JuiceBar envisions terminals at apartment buildings, hospitals, hotels and more

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Paul Vosper is applying his background in commercial real estate to the manufacture of electric vehicle chargers.

As president and chief executive officer of JuiceBar, with offices in Norwalk and East Hartford, he's working to expand the use of chargers at apartment complexes and other large-scale building sites.

"I'm a real estate guy," Vosper recalled telling his business partner who approached him several years ago to enter the EV charging business. "I can barely change the battery in a children's toy. Why do you need me?"

He and a partner bought the assets of the EV charging business in 2018 from Garage JuiceBar, which was begun by executives of Propark Mobility, a Hartford parking management business. "This is primarily a real estate play," he said.

David Schmid, chief investment officer of Propark, said he and his older brother, John, the chief executive officer of Propark, started Garage JuiceBar because they realized electric vehicles were a growth industry drawing federal investment in the early years of the Obama administration.

"We saw it coming, and we wanted to start thinking about it," he said.

The founders of Garage JuiceBar sold its assets because they understood they were "not manufacturing guys" or technology developers, Schmid said.

While a connection between real estate and zero-emissions

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An electric car and a plug-in hybrid car charge at a public charging station. **SEAN GALLUP/TNS**

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ANOTHER ONE SLIPS AWAY

CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

All out with injuries, UConn's Nika Muhl, from left, Aubrey Griffin and Azzi Fudd watch as the game against sixth-ranked Louisville slips away in the second half of the Hall of Fame Women's Showcase at Mohegan Sun Arena on Sunday afternoon. The No. 7 Huskies lost 69-64, their third defeat of the season. **STORIES IN SPORTS, PAGE 1**

Manchin unwilling to back $2T bill

Key Dem senator is demanding less sweeping package

By Alan Fram and Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin said Sunday he cannot back his party's signature $2 trillion social and environment bill, dealing a potentially fatal blow to President Joe Biden's leading domestic initiative heading into an election year when Democrats' narrow hold on Congress was already in peril.

Manchin told "Fox News Sunday" that after 5 ½ months of negotiations among Democrats in which he was his party's chief obstacle to passage, "I cannot vote to continue with this piece of legislation. I just can't. I've tried everything humanly possible. I can't get there."

Manchin's choice of words seemed to crack the door open to continued talks with Biden and top congressional Democrats over reshaping the legislation. But the West Virginia senator all but said the bill would die unless it met his demands for a smaller, less sweeping package — something that would be hard for many Democrats in the narrowly divided Congress to accept.

The bill would provide hundreds of billions of dollars to help millions of families with children by extending a more generous child tax credit, creating free preschool and bolstering child care aid. There is more than $500 billion for tax breaks and spending aimed at curbing carbon emissions, which experts consider the largest federal expenditure ever to combat climate change.

Other provisions would limit

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Republicans prepare to challenge Blumenthal

GOP enters battle with little money, no prominent candidates

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — With less than one year before the 2022 election, Connecticut Republicans are facing an uphill battle against two-term incumbent U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, lacking money and any well-known candidates.

No Republican has raised substantial money with the party convention less than six months away on May 7. Blumenthal, by contrast, has been fundraising on a steady basis and has a daunting $6.9 million in cash on hand, according to public records.

Besides a large campaign war chest, Blumenthal has several advantages, including high name recognition and approval ratings in a blue state where he has already won two races for U.S. Senate, five races for state attorney general and three for state legislature earlier in his career.

Longtime Republican campaigner Peter Lumaj, who has lost all of his previous major races, told The Courant that he will be entering the race and will make a formal

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Maureen Gard Friedly says she was sexually assaulted by her Marine Corps platoon leader in 2006. Her commanders told the two to work out their problems and kept them in the same classes. **COURTESY**

Amid reform, attacks haunt military sex assault survivors

Critics say congressional action on prosecutions doesn't go far enough

By Peggy Mccarthy
Connecticut Health I-Team

Debra Geske, a Navy technician, was drinking cranberry juice at a bar in Guam when a male sailor spiked it with a drug when she wasn't looking. He and two other sailors drove her home and raped her. "I woke up the next morning full of blood," she said.

When Geske reported the rape to her petty officer in 2000, he said he couldn't respond until higher-ups arrived on a Navy ship four weeks later. Then, officials told her it was a "he said she said" scenario, and "they did nothing," said Geske, a Glastonbury resident. "I felt at the time like I didn't matter."

Maureen Gard Friedly said she was sexually assaulted by her Marine Corps platoon leader — whom she considered a friend — in 2006. Her commanders told the two to work out their problems and kept them in the same classes and living area. She was told that the notes from an interview about her complaint were lost, and she wasn't given another interview. "My chain of command really let me down," she said.

Geske's and Friedly's experiences aren't unusual.

Sexual assaults, rape and sexual harassment in the military continue to occur in large numbers. In 2020, 6,290 people

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Hartford jazz series is going live

The Hartford Public Library has announced the performers for its Baby Grand Jazz series and will return to live performances after going to streaming only last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The influential local jazz series will consist of 17 concerts between Jan. 2 and April 24. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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Assaults

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reported being sexually assaulted in the military, according to the Department of Defense (DOD), but victim advocates say that number falls short of actual cases. Advocates cite fear of repercussion and the requirement of reporting to a commander — who may be the assailant — as reasons for the lack of reporting.

The last time the DOD conducted a survey was in 2018, when 20,500 respondents said they were sexually assaulted in the military, up from 14,900 in 2016. The DOD, which conducts surveys every two years, did not do one in 2020.

Now, after a decade of efforts to remove the prosecution of military sexual trauma (MST) from the jurisdiction of commanders, Congress has approved legislation that puts the responsibility for prosecuting sexual assault cases on independent military lawyers.

The move has been hailed as historic. But critics say it doesn't go far enough because commanders would retain a role in the judicial process, potentially diminishing the effect of the independent prosecutors.

National attention was riveted on the issue when at least 83 women and seven men were sexually assaulted by Navy and Marine aviators attending a 1991 conference called the Tailhook Symposium. Since then, other high-profile cases have occurred. In 2017, Marines solicited and shared nude photos of female colleagues on a Facebook page called Marines United. Last year, Vanessa Guillen, a 20-year-old soldier, was murdered at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas after reporting that she had been sexually harassed.

"I can't tell you how upset it makes me" that military officials convinced Congress for years to allow commanders to have authority over military sexual trauma cases, Friedly said.

Chelsea M. Donaldson, an attorney with the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center (CVLC), said that she has represented 39 MST survivors — 27 men and 12 women — in the past three years. None reported their experiences to their commanders, she said.

Chelsea Donaldson is a lawyer with the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center. **COURTESY PHOTOS**

Debra Geske, a resident of Glastonbury, is a former Navy technician.

"Pretty much every awful story you can think of, I've probably heard a version of, unfortunately," Donaldson said. She cited gang rapes, drug-facilitated rapes, and sexual hazing in boot camp, where soldiers are forced to strip and stand naked in front of each other. "I'm so surprised by how awful human beings can be to one another," she said.

This year, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin supported requiring independent military prosecutors in sexual assault cases. The provision is part of the recently approved $768.2 billion National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) now awaiting a presidential signature. It requires that survivors of sexual assault be informed of the disposition of cases against their perpetrators, requires tracking of retaliation against survivors of MST, and creates an Office of Special Trial Counsel in each service, answerable to a civilian official. It criminalizes sexual harassment but doesn't take the crime's jurisdiction away from commanders.

A stronger MST proposal had bipartisan support in Congress, including from Connecticut U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes of the 5th Congressional District. It would have completely eliminated the role of commanding officers in handling the prosecution of nonmilitary felonies. Sponsors plan to pursue this in separate legislation.

A statement by Protect Our Defenders (POD), an advocacy group devoted to reducing military sexual trauma, called the use of independent prosecutors "the most significant military justice reform in our nation's history" and "a momentous step forward."

However, its praise was qualified because the commanders would retain some judicial authority, including over court-martial proceedings and who would serve on them. Col. Don M. Christensen, POD president, said this "erodes the independence" of the prosecutors and ignores concerns of MST survivors that commanders will "still have too much influence."

Friedly agreed. A former Meriden resident, she was an activist for MST survivors while attending Quinnipiac University and continues to advocate for them in Texas, where she lives now.

She said commanders' retaining some judicial authority insults survivors. "Like we won't see through the wool and think this is some sort of improvement," Friedly said. "As long as the chain of command has involvement in prosecution and decision-making, we will continue to see a rise in sexual crime, little to no punishment for those found to have been guilty, and a decrease in reporting," she said.

Friedly, a married mother of two, said if there had been independent prosecutors when she was assaulted at the age of 18, she wouldn't be living with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), she wouldn't have lost trust in people, and she wouldn't be so fearful and suspicious of others.

She attends an equine-assisted psychotherapy program to help deal with her MST and runs occasional support groups for other female MST survivors.

Geske expressed hope that having independent prosecutors would increase MST reporting because it might reduce fear of repercussion. "They told me I shouldn't be in the military if I was going to complain about somebody sexually harassing me," said Geske, who was gang-raped when she was 20.

Several advocates said new laws need to be accompanied by cultural changes in the military. "That plays a lot into this whole issue," Friedly said. She recalled a Marine nickname, "WM," which she said meant both "woman Marine" and "walking mattress."

Christensen, of Protect Our Defenders, said, "There's definitely a misogynistic subculture." He referred to military men who don't want women to serve or be in combat "even though women have been excelling." He called for "people who are wearing the stars to get on board," adding, "if they don't, it's time for them to go."

Donaldson called for "a major cultural shift" so MST survivors will feel safe. She said her clients at the Connecticut Veterans Legal Center didn't report sexual abuse because they were "afraid of being punished, of being blamed for the assault, of being labeled as a problem for reporting the assault," she said.

Donaldson pointed out that it's important to acknowledge that men also get sexually harassed, raped and assaulted. A July Rand Corporation report for the Pentagon estimated that 1 in 16 women and 1 in 143 men had been sexually assaulted in the military.

U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, a Democrat from California, first introduced legislation in 2011, and U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat from New York, introduced legislation in 2013 to take military sexual trauma prosecution out of the chain of command.

"This type of reform was needed decades ago," Donaldson said.

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PLAY4 NIGHT
5 9 3 9 **WB:** 0

CASH 5
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LUCKY FOR LIFE
4 7 27 43 44 **LB:** 6

POWERBALL
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Tuesday's est. Mega Millions jackpot: $171 million

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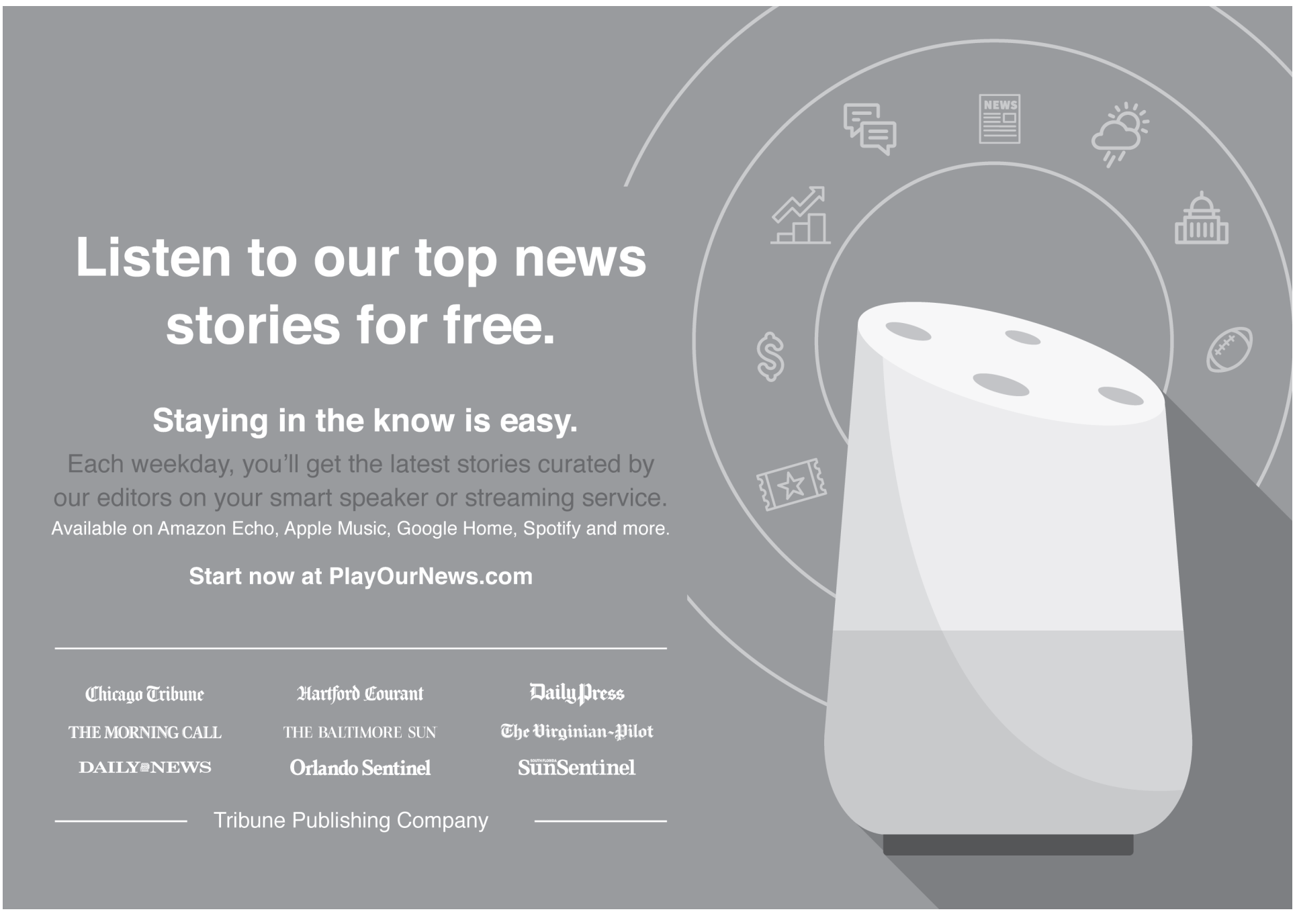
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JOHNNY ISAKSON 1944-2021

GOP lawmaker often pushed for bipartisan cooperation

Robert D. McFadden
The New York Times

Johnny Isakson, a Republican from Georgia, succeeded Newt Gingrich in the House and later spent 15 years in the Senate. Isakson died Sunday at 76. **J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP 2019**

Johnny Isakson, a Georgia Republican who succeeded Newt Gingrich in the House of Representatives, and in 15 years in the Senate was a moderate conservative, often championing bipartisan cooperation, until his resignation for health reasons in 2019, died Sunday at his home in Atlanta. He was 76.

His death was confirmed by the Isakson Initiative, which he founded to raise money for research into neurocognitive diseases. It did not specify a cause, but when he resigned, Isakson had cited progressive Parkinson's disease and surgery to remove a growth on a kidney.

Isakson made a fortune as a real estate executive before going into politics at 32. He served 17 years in the Georgia Legislature, lost a race for governor and another to succeed Sen. Sam Nunn, a retiring Democrat who had been in office for 25 years. As a consolation, the governor named Isakson to head the state Board of Education.

But Gingrich, the mercurial House speaker from Georgia, was facing a revolt in his caucus over midterm election losses. He resigned as speaker and announced he would not take his seat for an 11th term starting in January 1999. A month later, Isakson won a special election and took Gingrich's seat.

In the House, Isakson joined the education committee and became a strong advocate of President George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind law, which required states to test all elementary and high school students and close gaps in reading and math achievement.

Affirming his growing popularity, Isakson won reelection to his first full term in 2000 with 75% of the vote and his second term in 2002 with 80%.

In 2003, Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., and a former governor, chose not to run for reelection. Isakson jumped into the race and easily won.

"Well respected among Democrats and Republicans, cut from the same cloth as longtime Senator Sam Nunn, he has a reputation as a hard-working bridge-builder who prefers to spend his time finding areas of agreement rather than dwelling on differences," Georgia Trend magazine said.

To be sure, Isakson voted with his conservative Republican allies in the vast majority of Senate roll calls. He opposed the Affordable Care Act and same-sex marriage, and defended gun rights. He identified with opponents of abortion, and in 2017 made a dramatic Senate entrance in a wheelchair to cast a deciding vote against Planned Parenthood funding. He voted for most of President Donald Trump's Cabinet choices.

But his exceptions to the conservative line, while less numerous, were often striking. Rebutting his party in 2010, he and a dozen other Republican senators helped ratify a Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty negotiated by the Obama administration with Russia. It cut in half the number of strategic nuclear missile launchers on both sides.

Isakson was often at odds with Trump in his 2016 presidential campaign, especially over his refusal to distance himself from former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke.

In 1968, Johnny Isakson married Dianne Davison. They had three children: John, Julie and Kevin. They all survive him, as well as nine grandchildren.

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prescription drug price increases, create hearing benefits for Medicare recipients and bolster aid for the elderly, housing and job training. Nearly all of it would be paid for with higher taxes on the wealthy and large corporations.

In an unusual response to a lawmaker whose vote is crucial in the 50-50 Senate, White House press secretary Jen Psaki called Manchin's announcement "a sudden and inexplicable reversal in his position" and "a breach of his commitments" to Biden and congressional Democrats.

Psaki said in a statement that Manchin had "in person" given Biden a written proposal last Tuesday that was "the same size and scope" of a framework for the bill that Democrats rallied behind in October. That outline had a 10-year cost of $1.85 trillion. She said when Manchin spoke to Biden, the White House believed a compromise was possible and that Manchin agreed to continue talks.

The legislation's collapse would deepen bitter ideological divisions between progressive and moderate Democrats. That would imperil the party's ability to get behind any substantial legislation before the November congressional elections, when their control of Congress seems in doubt. And it would add a note of chaos just as Democrats need to demonstrate accomplishments and show a united front to voters.

Manchin's comments, as Congress was on a holiday recess, drew fury from Democratic colleagues he already has enraged and frustrated for months. Other problems have arisen, caused by another moderate Democrat, Arizona Sen.

Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va, is followed by reporters as he leaves a caucus meeting with Senate Democrats at the U.S. Capitol on Friday. **ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY**

Kyrsten Sinema, and bickering between progressives and centrists, but none has approached the magnitude of Manchin's stands.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., said in a written statement that if Manchin wants to oppose the legislation, "He should have the opportunity to do so with a floor vote as soon as the Senate returns."

Rep. Pramila Jayapal of Washington state, a leader of House progressives, said Manchin "routinely touts that he is a man of his word, but he can no longer say that. West Virginians, and the country, see clearly who he is."

Centrist lawmakers piled on as well.

"One Democratic U.S. Senator has now summarily walked away from productive negotiations. That is unacceptable, and we cannot act like this moment is the end," said Rep. Abigail Spanberger, D-Va.

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, top Republican on the Senate Budget Committee, had spent weeks trying to turn Manchin against the bill by saying it was too expensive. "I very much appreciate" Manchin's opposition, Graham said.

Manchin said he was opposing the 10-year, roughly $2 trillion bill because of his concerns about inflation, growing federal debt and a need to focus on the omicron COVID-19 variant. He accused Democrats in a written statement later of trying to "dramatically reshape our society in a way that leaves our country even more vulnerable to the threats we face."

Manchin also wants all of the bill's initiatives to last the measure's full 10-year duration. Democrats made many of them temporary to limit the bill's cost, which Manchin says is misleading.

The bill's extension of enhanced child tax credit benefits, including monthly checks to millions of families, would only be extended one year. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected the credit's full 10-year cost at $1.6 trillion, nearly the size of the entire package Manchin says he'd accept. To fit, any compromise would likely have to reduce the tax credit's benefits and cut other proposals.

Democrats dismiss Manchin's assertions that the bill would fuel inflation and worsen budget deficits.

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vehicles is not obvious, it shows the diversity of businesses being established to capitalize on rapidly rising demand for nonpolluting cars and trucks.

JuiceBar is one of two companies in the Greater Hartford area manufacturing EV chargers. The other company, EVSE LLC, is based in Enfield.

Electric vehicles are increasingly seen as critical if greenhouse gas emissions are to be reduced. Transportation comprised 29% of greenhouse emissions in the U.S. in 2019, outstripping electricity that accounted for 25%, industry at 23%, commercial and residential at 13% and agriculture at 10%, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Super-chargers placed along highways are one source of power for electric vehicles. However, they account for few opportunities to charge, while malls and supermarkets are ineffective charging sites during brief shopping trips, Vosper said.

Electric vehicle chargers at JuiceBar's Oxford manufacturing site. The company is working to expand the use of chargers at large-scale building sites such as apartment complexes and hospitals. **ALEX PUTTERMAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

JuiceBar instead targets hospitals, hotels, office buildings and apartment complexes, "where people are going to be for a couple of hours," he said.

"More and more of the charging environment is going to be a lot like your cellphones," Vosper said. "You charge from the bedside table at night. You charge at the office when you're running a little bit low. When you move to EVs, you've got to lose the gas-station mentality."

Earlier this month Gov. Ned Lamont visited JuiceBar's manufacturing site in Oxford, talking up electric vehicles just weeks after he abandoned efforts targeting cars and trucks that belch fumes along Connecticut's highways.

As gas prices soar with shifting global supply and demand, the governor yielded on the Transportation and Climate Initiative that fell flat in the General Assembly. Opponents said the proposal would lead to higher prices at the pump.

"We're doing OK on the electric grid in terms of bringing down our carbon footprint," Lamont said Friday. "We still have a way to go on transportation. This is so important as we continue to move away from the internal combustion engine."

The governor has had an easier time seeking to de-carbonize the electric grid. He issued an executive order two years ago requiring the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to analyze and recommend strategies to achieve a 100 percent zero carbon target for the electric sector by 2040.

The next big burst in electric vehicle charging is the $1 trillion federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that earmarks $7.5 billion to support construction of a nationwide network of 500,000 EV chargers to accelerate electric vehicle use.

A spokeswoman said the Connecticut Department of Transportation is waiting for federal guidance on details such as how federal money may be spent and the type of charging equipment.

As demand grows for electric vehicles and charging stations, different ideas to promote clean transportation are percolating.

Desmond Wheatley, CEO of Beam Global, a San Diego technology company that provides renewable charging equipment for electric vehicles, said tens of millions of charging sites will be needed in the next few decades. Extending the grid to where motorists park their cars will be difficult, he said.

Beam Global's products generate and store electricity from renewable sources rather than drawing power from the grid. It announced Thursday that New York City has deployed more of its solar-powered EV charging systems, expanding the fleet to 89.

It already has federal contracts in hand and will benefit from the infrastructure spending measure approved last month by Congress and President Joe Biden, Wheatley said.

"Politically, they're looking for shovel ready projects. We don't need a shovel," he said.

JuiceBar, capitalizing on the industry's growth, is moving to a site larger than its Oxford location, and Vosper expects to add 100 manufacturing and engineering jobs in the next year, tripling the workforce of 45 now.

Manufacturers of components used in the chargers also will likely add 200 jobs, he said.

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announcement soon.

Lumaj is in his fourth race for statewide office and is the best-known Republican seeking to battle Blumenthal. He ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in 2012, secretary of the state in 2014 and governor in 2018.

An immigration attorney and real estate investor, Lumaj said he's concerned about issues like rising gasoline prices, the highest inflation in nearly 40 years, the national debt and too much federal spending, including the $1.25 trillion infrastructure bill that many Republicans opposed. He is strongly opposed to policies pushed both by Blumenthal and President Joe Biden.

"Personally, I couldn't care less about Joe Biden or I couldn't care less about Donald Trump as a persona, if you will," Lumaj said. "What concerns me is the failed liberal policies. If we go after Biden, it's the policies that we're attacking."

Another candidate is Robert Hyde, a Simsbury landscaper who came into the national spotlight at the time of President Trump's impeachment. He has contributed $5,000 of his own money to his campaign and says he's ready to run against Blumenthal. Hyde is best known for being involved in a national controversy over the possible surveillance of the U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, but he has denied involvement in any surveillance.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, shown here in West Hartford with Gov. Ned Lamont, left, has $6.9 million in campaign cash on hand for the 2022 race. Republicans Peter Lumaj and Rob Hyde are seeking the nomination of their party to battle against the two-term incumbent. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Hyde ran briefly two years ago for the U.S. House of Representatives before dropping out of the race against Democrat Jahana Hayes. In the current race, Hyde is pushing for tax cuts.

"Any family or individual making less than $180,000 won't have to pay taxes," Hyde said. "If the top doesn't pay any, neither will the bottom. That includes no property taxes. If we can give China billions, trillions to build buses, trains and our bridges, we can give our property owners breaks, too."

In text messages released by the U.S. House of Representatives, Hyde was linked to allegations of an apparent surveillance operation of Marie Yovanovitch, the former U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. Hyde exploded onto the national stage after the text messages were released of his interactions with Lev Parnas, a close associate of former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Trump's lawyer. Parnas was convicted on federal campaign finance charges in October.

A third potential candidate is John Flynn, a former portfolio manager who holds an MBA in finance and lost two races for the state House of Representatives in 2018 and 2020. He was defeated by Democrat Travis Simms by at least 50 percentage points each time in a Norwalk district that has been held by Democrats for nearly 35 years. Flynn has not raised any money in the race against Blumenthal.

Blumenthal is a veteran campaigner who won races for the state legislature in the 1980s before becoming state attorney general for 20 years and then U.S. Senator for the past 11 years. As a senator, he has made national headlines calling for stricter regulation of Instagram, Facebook and other social media sites.

State Republican chairman Ben Proto said the Republicans can overcome Blumenthal's advantage in fundraising, which pays for all-important television commercials, fliers that are sent to voters' homes, and the get-out-the-vote effort on Election Day.

While Blumenthal has nearly $7 million, Hyde has only $128 in cash on hand, according to public records as of the most recent quarterly report as of Sept. 30. No other Republicans, including Lumaj, have reported raising any money. But Proto said that is not a disqualifier.

"I think the majority leader of the New Jersey state Senate had huge amounts of money and some guy — a truck driver with 150 bucks — beat him," Proto said, referring to the recent upset Republican victory by Raymour and Flanigan furniture truck driver Edward Durr. "Money is important. I will never tell you that money isn't important. But at the end of the day, it's voters who decide elections, not money."

Proto added, "Dick Blumenthal probably has the highest name ID of any politician in the state of Connecticut and regularly polls around 50% on a reelect. ... With the right candidate, and a candidate with some money, he's got a problem."

Blumenthal declined to talk about Lumaj, Hyde, the campaign or how much money he has raised.

"I am totally focused on doing my job — working for the people of Connecticut," Blumenthal said in an interview. "There will be plenty of time — next year — to talk about the campaign."

In recent days Blumenthal has been thrust into the conservative spotlight by attending an awards ceremony by a group with ties to the Communist Party — leading to criticism by Republicans and national conservative websites and television. Blumenthal, though, told The Courant later that he would not have attended the ceremony at a New Haven church if he had known about the links to the Communist Party.

Blumenthal faced his toughest election challenge for the open U.S. Senate seat in 2010 against Republican Linda McMahon, who spent $50 million and constantly blasted her opponent. Blumenthal, though, still won the race by 12 percentage points after raising and spending about $8 million, less than 20% of the amount spent by McMahon.

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Omicron 'raging around the world'

Fauci offers warning to the unvaccinated as US numbers swell

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

President Joe Biden and Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, have urged Americans to get vaccinated. Biden plans to update the public Tuesday on the COVID-19 fight. **ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY**

WILMINGTON, Del. — The COVID-19 omicron variant is "just raging around the world," the White House's top medical adviser said Sunday, and President Joe Biden is planning to give "a stark warning of what the winter will look like" for unvaccinated Americans.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the country's leading infectious disease expert, told NBC's "Meet the Press" that "the real problem" for the U.S. hospital system is that "we have so many people in this country who are eligible to be vaccinated who have not yet been vaccinated."

The prospect of a winter chilled by a wave of coronavirus infections is a severe reversal from the optimism projected by Biden some 10 months ago, when he suggested at a CNN town hall that the country would essentially be back to normal by Christmas. Biden has been careful not to overpromise, yet confidence in the country has been battered by a wave of COVID-19 variations that have left many Americans emotionally exhausted, dispirited and worried about infections.

Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, tried to defend the president's earlier promise in a separate interview Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

"The idea about hoping and having an aspiration to be independent of the virus after a period of time is understandable and reasonable," Fauci said. "But the one thing that we know from, now, almost two years' experience with this virus is that it is really very unpredictable."

Yet the president seems stuck in a negative feedback loop as there is a risk that infections could worsen the supply chain challenges facing the United States and fuel inflation.

Gov. Jared Polis, D-Colo., told NBC that Biden should stop talking about vaccination as two shots and a booster and, instead, call it "three doses" that are needed to maximize protection.

Polis pivoted to inflation that is running at a nearly four-decade high, saying Biden needed to show the country how he is addressing that challenge as part of his coming remarks on omicron.

"We can do very concrete things that actually reduce the costs for Americans," said Polis, noting that Colorado is cutting vehicle registration fees and making it free to register a new business.

The administration is expecting breakthrough infections with the surge of holiday travelers. Fauci said most people who have been vaccinated and gotten a booster should be OK if they take precautions such as wearing masks in crowded settings such as airports.

Dr. Francis Collins, who was in his final day as director of the National Institutes of Health, expressed exasperation with those who claim that breakthrough infections indicate that the vaccines do not work. Vaccines are not perfect, he said on "Fox News Sunday."

But if people get COVID-19 after being vaccinated, he said: "The chances are you're going to have a pretty mild case. You'll have the sniffles, maybe are sick for a day or two with a fever, but you won't be in the ICU. The vaccinations are really good at protecting against severe disease."

Biden plans to speak Tuesday on the status of the fight against COVID-19 and discuss government help for communities in need of assistance, White House press secretary Jen Psaki tweeted. Biden also will warn about the risks for those Americans who "choose to remain unvaccinated."

Fauci was asked on CNN whether he expected record numbers of cases — and what about hospitalizations and deaths. "Yes, well, unfortunately. I think that is going to happen," he said. Fauci told NBC that Biden would again urge people to get the booster shot, highlight increased availability of testing and explain how important it is to provide vaccines worldwide.

"The one thing that's very clear ... is its extraordinary capability of spreading, its transmissibility capability. It is just, you know, raging through the world, really," Fauci said. "And if you look even here in the United States, you have some regions that start off with a few percent of the isolates that are positive, now going up to 30%, 40%, and some places 50%."

Psaki's announcement Saturday on Twitter came after Vice President Kamala Harris said in a Los Angeles Times interview that the administration "didn't see delta coming. I think most scientists did not — upon whose advice and direction we have relied — didn't see delta coming." She added: "We didn't see omicron coming. And that's the nature of what this awful virus has been, which as it turns out, has mutations and variants."

The vice president's words raised doubts as to the administration's strategy for addressing the pandemic.

Fauci told NBC he saw the variants coming and he thought Harris' statement "was taken a bit out of context," adding he believed she was referring to "the extraordinary number of mutations ... particularly with omicron."

The U.S. has logged over 50 million infections and over 806,000 deaths from COVID-19, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Omicron could sideline leading COVID-19 drugs

Antibodies to help fight strain are not expected for months

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

Hospitals in the U.S. anticipate a surge in COVID-19 cases due to omicron. Above, people prepare to get tested this month at Times Square in New York City. **SPENCER PLATT/GETTY**

WASHINGTON — As strained U.S. hospitals brace for a new surge of COVID-19 cases caused by the fast-spreading omicron variant, doctors are warning of yet another challenge: the two standard drugs they've used to fight infections are unlikely to work against the new strain.

For more than a year antibody drugs from Regeneron and Eli Lilly have been the go-to treatments for early COVID-19, thanks to their ability to head off severe disease and keep patients out of the hospital.

But both drugmakers recently warned that laboratory testing suggests their therapies will be much less potent against omicron, which contains dozens of mutations that make it harder for antibodies to attack the virus. And while the companies say they can quickly develop new omicron-targeting antibodies, those aren't expected to launch for at least several months.

A third antibody from British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline appears to be the best positioned to fight omicron. But Glaxo's drug is not widely available in the U.S., accounting for a small portion of the millions of doses purchased and distributed by the federal government. U.S. health officials are now rationing scarce drug supplies to states.

"I think there's going to be a shortage," said Dr. Jonathan Li, director of the Harvard/Brigham Virology Specialty Laboratory. "We're down to one FDA-authorized monoclonal antibody" with omicron because of the reduced effectiveness of Regeneron and Lilly's drugs.

The delta variant still accounts for more than 95% of estimated U.S. cases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But agency leaders say omicron is spreading faster than any past variant and will become the dominant strain nationwide within weeks.

Delivered by injection or infusion, antibodies are laboratory-made versions of human proteins that help the immune system fight off viruses and other infections.

Glaxo's drug, developed with Vir Biotechnology, was specifically formulated to bind to a part of the virus that is less likely to mutate, according to the companies. Early studies of laboratory-simulated omicron by the drugmakers and outside researchers show promising results.

Supply of the drug is "extremely limited, and additional doses of the product will not be available until the week of January 3rd," the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said in an statement posted online.

After pausing distribution last month to conserve supply, HHS is shipping 55,000 doses of the drug, called sotrovimab, to state health departments, with the doses arriving as early as Tuesday. Another 300,000 are expected in January.

The agency said it is distributing the drug to states based on their levels of infections and hospitalizations.

HHS recommends states conserve the drug for the highest risk patients who are most likely to have omicron infections, either based on laboratory testing that can identify the variant or elevated levels of omicron spread in local communities, identified as 20% and higher.

High-risk patients include seniors and those with serious health problems, such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes and immune-system disorders.

Prior to the pause in shipments, Glaxo's drug accounted for about 10% of the 1.8 million antibody doses distributed to state health officials between mid-September and late November, according to federal figures.

London-based Glaxo says it is on track to produce 2 million doses by May, under contracts with the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Japan and several other countries. The company is working to add more manufacturing capacity next year.

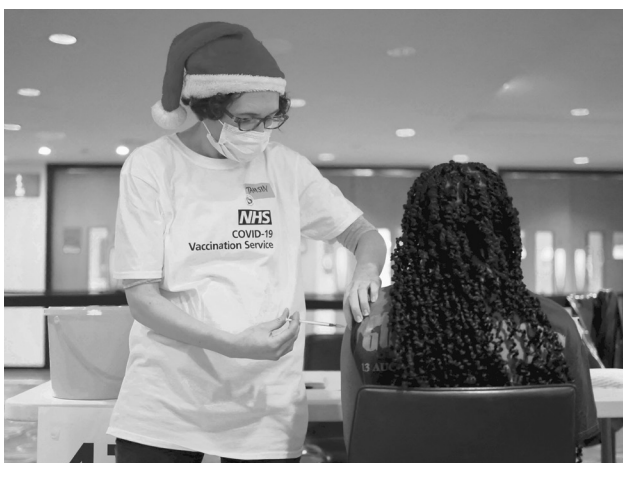
The loss of two leading antibody therapies puts even more focus on a pair of highly anticipated antiviral pills that U.S. regulators are expected to soon authorize.

The drugs from Pfizer and Merck would be the first treatments Americans can take at home to head off severe disease. Pfizer's drug in particular has shown a powerful effect, curbing hospitalizations and deaths by nearly 90% in high-risk patients.

"If it's rolled out effectively this has a real big potential," to make up for antibody treatments, said Andrew Pekosz, a virologist at Johns Hopkins University.

Still, initial supplies of both drugs are expected to be limited.

The shrinking toolbox of treatments is a reminder that the virus still has the upper hand in the U.S., even with more than 200 million Americans fully vaccinated.



A shot is administered Sunday at a vaccination site inside Wembley Stadium in London. **TOLGA AKMEN/GETTY-AFP**

UK reviews COVID-19 rules before Christmas

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's health secretary has refused to rule out imposing tougher COVID-19 restrictions before Christmas amid the rapid rise of infections and continuing uncertainty about the omicron variant.

Health Secretary Sajid Javid said Sunday that the government was assessing the situation and urged the public to be cautious as scientists examine the data. Much is unknown about the variant, even as hospitals brace for a surge in infections, he told the BBC.

"There are no guarantees in this pandemic, I don't think," Javid replied when asked about the potential for new restrictions. "At this point we just have to keep everything under review."

Prime Minister Boris Johnson last week reinstated rules requiring face masks in shops and ordered people to show proof of vaccination or a negative virus test before entering nightclubs and other crowded venues.

Vaccination sites are being asked to operate 12 hours a day, seven days a week with shopping centers, cathedrals and soccer stadiums turned into mass vaccination centers. Some sites are working 24 hours a day.

The British Medical Association warned that almost 50,000 doctors, nurses and other National Health Service staff in England could be off sick with COVID-19 by Christmas Day unless additional measures are introduced.

The government Sunday reported 82,886 more COVID-19 cases. With over 147,000 deaths, Britain has Europe's highest COVID-19 death toll after Russia.

Nations across Europe are reimposing tougher measures. The Dutch government began a nationwide lockdown Sunday, and ministers in Austria, Cyprus, France and Germany have tightened travel restrictions.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Sens. Warren, Booker say they have tested positive for COVID-19

From news services

WASHINGTON — Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Cory Booker of New Jersey say they have tested positive for COVID-19, as the country deals with another surge in cases and the emergence of the omicron variant.

In separate statements Sunday, the Democrats said they had been fully vaccinated with two doses and a booster and their symptoms were mild. They also encouraged others to get the trio of shots if eligible.

Warren tweeted: "Thankfully, I am only experiencing mild symptoms & am grateful for the protection provided against serious illness that comes from being vaccinated & boosted."

She didn't elaborate on where she might have contracted the virus but said she's regularly tested and turned up negative earlier this past week.

Warren was at the U.S. Capitol last week along with other senators.

In a statement from his office, Booker said: "I'm beyond grateful to have received two doses of vaccine and, more recently, a booster — I'm certain that without them I would be doing much worse."

Deadly Japan clinic fire: Japanese police Sunday identified a 61-year-old man as a prime suspect behind a fire that engulfed a mental health clinic in an eight-story building where he was a patient, killing 24 people who were trapped inside.

Osaka police, which are investigating the case as arson and murder, identified the man as Morio Tanimoto. He is being treated in serious condition after he was rescued from the fire, police said.

Tanimoto has not been formally arrested or charged.

After verifying security cameras and searching his home, police said they suspect Tanimoto was responsible for setting fire to the clinic where patients received consultations and treatment for psychiatric conditions, an official at the prefectural police investigation department told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Security camera footage broadcast by NHK television showed what it said was the suspect heading to the clinic Friday morning, carrying a backpack and riding a bicycle that had bags in a front basket and something bulky tied to its rear. The man in the footage wore a surgical mask and a baseball cap that obscured his face.

Also on Sunday, Internal Affairs and Communications Minister Yasushi Kaneko, who is also in charge of fire and disaster management, said he had ordered a nationwide inspection of about 30,000 commercial buildings with three or more floors but only one stairway.

Kaneko said many victims were unable to escape and died because the Osaka building's only stairway was not accessible due to the fire and they became lost while seeking a way out.

Bodies found in Minn. home: Authorities are investigating the deaths of several people whose bodies were discovered inside a home in a northwestern Minnesota city.

The bodies were found just before 8 p.m. Saturday by family members conducting a welfare check in Moorhead.

Moorhead police have not said how many people were killed or how they died. There were no signs of violence or forced entry into the residence, police said. Authorities are not actively seeking any suspects.

Neighbors said several children lived in the home and they were last seen Friday, KFGO radio reported.

Police said they did not expect to release further details until Monday.

People protest Sunday in Khartoum, Sudan, against a coup in October and a subsequent deal that reinstated Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok. The demonstrations throughout the African country marked the third anniversary of the uprising that eventually forced removal of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir and his Islamist government in April 2019. **MARWAN ALI/AP**

Lynchings in India: Two people were lynched over the weekend in the northern Indian state of Punjab after they attempted to carry out acts of sacrilege inside Sikh temples, including one at the religion's holiest site, authorities said.

The first mob attack took place Saturday when a man stepped inside the sanctum sanctorum of the Golden Temple, the holiest shrine for Sikhs, in Amritsar.

Videos of the episode showed a man jumping over a railing into the enclosure where the Guru Granth Sahib, the holiest book of Sikhism, is kept.

Witnesses said he picked up a diamond-encrusted sword and tried to hit the holy book. Temple caretakers stopped the man, who has not been identified, and were taking him to an office when the mob intercepted them and beat him to death, they said.

On Sunday, another man was beaten to death after devotees said they found him disrespecting the Sikh flag by tearing it apart in the Gurdwara Sahib temple in Kapurthala, another district of Punjab.

Witnesses said the man, who also has not been identified, was taken into custody by police, as angry Sikhs demanded he be questioned immediately and in their presence.

As tensions rose, they said, the group then overpowered police and beat the man severely.

Police took him to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Stolen artifacts returned: Federal authorities say 15 historical artifacts stolen 50 years ago from a number of Pennsylvania museums have been returned to the institutions.

The FBI art crime team and other law enforcement agencies repatriated the 18th- and 19th-century rifles and pistols as well as a Native American silver belt in a ceremony Friday at the Museum of the American Revolution.

FBI art crime agents and detectives from the Upper Merion Township Police Department recovered the artifacts as part of an investigation into the 1971 theft and 2018 sale of a rare 1775 rifle made by Pennsylvania master gunsmith Christian Oerter, officials said.

Receiving the repatriated items were the American Swedish Historical Museum, the Hershey Story Museum (formerly the Hershey Museum), the Landis Valley Museum (formerly the Pennsylvania Farm Museum), the Mercer Museum, the Museum of the American Revolution, and York County History Center.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Thomas Gavin acknowledged having taken the artifacts during the 1960s and 1970s and keeping them in a barn for decades.

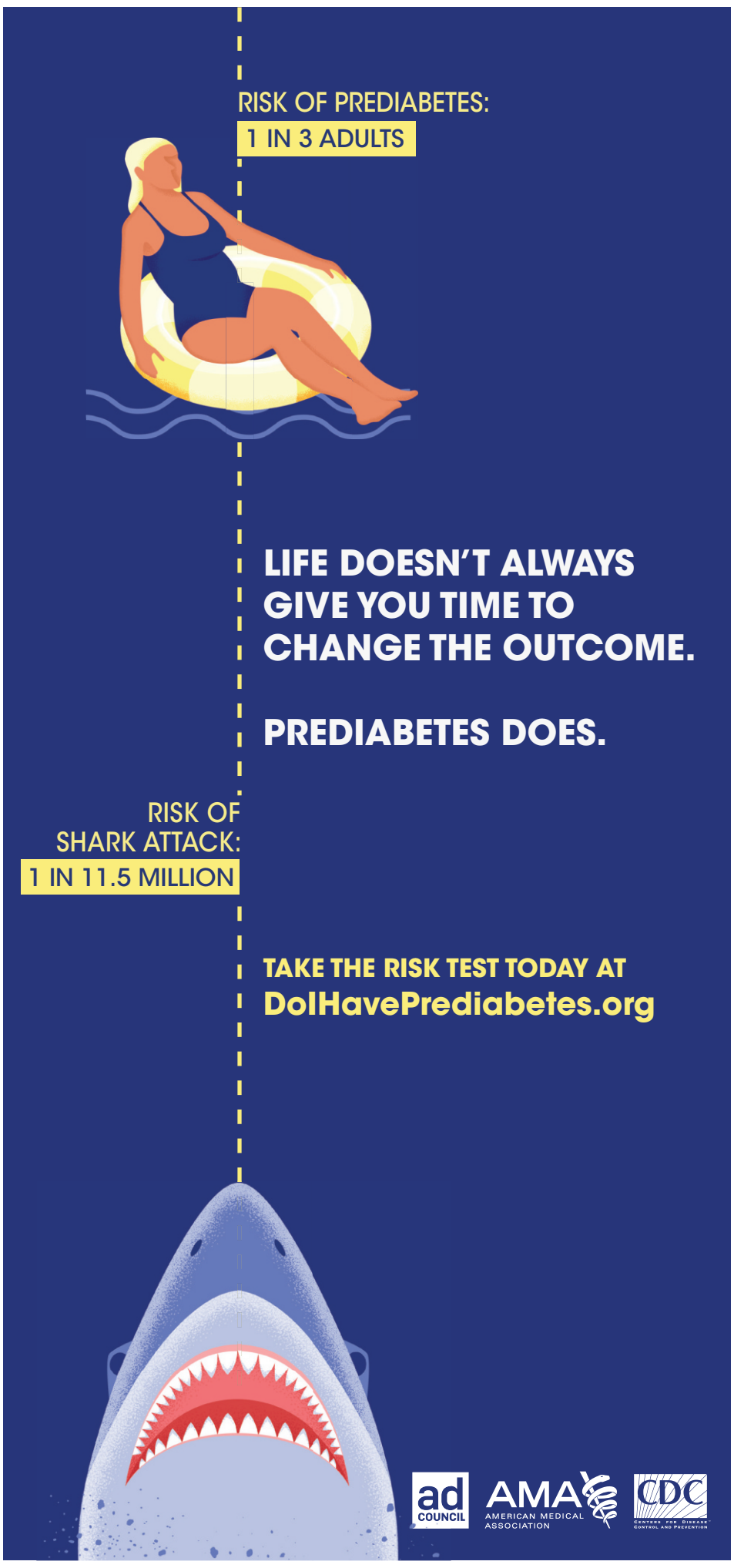
Due in part to the statute of limitations, he couldn't be charged in any of the thefts, the newspaper reported.

US gas prices fall: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline dropped by 6 cents over the past two weeks to $3.41 per gallon.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey said Sunday that prices have been falling for a month due to lower crude oil costs.

Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas is in the San Francisco Bay Area, at $4.77 per gallon.

The lowest average is in Houston, at $2.83 per gallon.



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White Christmases fading to black

Less of the country has snow for the holiday since '80s

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

Workers feed trees through a baler Dec. 2 in Orwigsburg, Pa. Snowfall has been down in recent years, an analysis finds. **LINDSEY SHUEY/REPUBLICAN-HERALD**

A white Christmas seems to be slowly morphing from a reliable reality to a dream of snowy holidays past for large swaths of the United States in recent decades.

Analysis of 40 years of December 25 U.S. snow measurements shows that less of the country now has snow for Christmas than in the 1980s.

That's especially true in a belt across the nation's midsection — from Baltimore to Denver and a few hundred miles farther north.

And snow that falls doesn't measure up to past depths.

Scientists say the decline in the number of white Christmases is relatively small and caution about drawing conclusions.

But it's noticeable and matters mightily to some people like George Holland.

The retired Dubuque, Iowa, educator known for his front yard nativity scenes said snow on Christmas is supposed to be part of the holiday: "The one that makes my heart warm is after going to midnight Mass and coming outside and it's snowing."

But the weather in Dubuque hasn't cooperated in recent years.

"We don't have white Christmas," said boutique owner Bill Kaesbauer. "We haven't had any in years."

The last one was in 2010 in Dubuque, which weather records show used to have white Christmases nearly two out of three years.

The average December temperature in the continental U.S. was a tad below freezing from 1981 to 1990, federal weather records show. And from 2011 to 2020, it was up to an average slightly above 35 degrees, considerably above the freezing mark.

But what did that warming trend, natural weather variability and a western megadrought mean to white Christmases?

From 1981 to 1990, on average, almost 47% of the country had snow on the ground Christmas Day, with an average depth of 3.5 inches, according to an analysis of ground observation data by the University of Arizona for The Associated Press.

From 2011 to 2020, Christmas snow cover was down to 38%, with an average depth of 2.7 inches.

The change was particularly pronounced in a swath from about the Mason-Dixon line to just north of Detroit, Chicago and Nebraska.

The Christmas snow cover average there went from nearly 55% in the 1980s to slightly above 41% now, the Arizona data shows. Average snow depth fell from 3.5 inches to 2.4 inches.

The numbers are small enough that it's difficult to tell whether this is a meaningful trend and, if so, whether climate change or natural weather variability is the cause, said University of Arizona atmospheric scientist Xubin Zeng, who ran the data.

Still, Zeng, who has published studies on decreasing snowpack in the western U.S. being connected to climate change, said the downward slide of white Christmases is consistent with global warming.

In 20 to 30 years "with climate warming, the prospects of a white Christmas in many parts of the USA will be slim indeed," said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado.

A separate analysis by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration looks at "climate normals" — 30-year periods for about 5,000 weather stations across the lower 48 states. Comparing normals for 1981-2010 to normals for 1991-2020 shows more stations are seeing statistical odds for a white Christmas shrink, but the agency cautions against drawing a conclusion about any trend.

In much of Iowa and eastern Washington, the changes are bigger than elsewhere, according to NOAA.

From 1981 to 2010, Dubuque's chance for a white Christmas was 63% but it's now down to 42%. Walla Walla, Washington's chance of getting a white Christmas dropped in half from 19% in 1981 to 2010 to 9.5% now.

Denver's airport station went from 40% chance of Christmas snow from 1981 to 2010 to 34%.

Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Milwaukee, Fort Wayne, Topeka, Des Moines, Akron, Albany, Olympia, Rapid City and Oklahoma City airports saw drops of three or four percentage points.

The line where there's at least a 10% chance for a white Christmas moved noticeably north with the new normals, said NOAA climate scientist Imke Durre.

"The movement of that line is consistent with a warmer December," Durre said.

A data set from Rutgers University's global snow lab finds continental U.S. snow in the last week of December slightly increasing, not decreasing, said climate scientist David Robinson, whose data based on satellite imagery goes back to 1966.

Often people in their 60s and 70s think there are fewer white Christmases, he added, because the 1960s had more than usual white Christmases.

Temperature alters snowfall in two different ways.

In warmer borderline areas, warmer air turns snow into rain. But in cooler, more northern areas where even higher temperatures are still below freezing, warmer temperatures mean more snow because warmer air holds more moisture, which comes down as snow, meteorologists said.

Several meteorologists cautioned about finding trends in complex data where both precipitation and temperature are factors.

But despite those issues, fewer white Christmases seems associated with warmer temperatures from climate change, said Northern Illinois University meteorology professor Victor Gensini.

"It matters for many as an emotional weight of how the season ought to feel or how we think it ought to feel," National Snow and Ice Data scientist Twila Moon said. "But the climate scientist in me is also very interested in having a white Christmas because it's an indicator of how much and what type of precipitation we've gotten."

Fallen electric poles block a road Sunday, days after Super Typhoon Rai devastated Surigao City, Philippines. At left, a sign displays a plea for food. **FERDINANDH CABRERA/GETTY-AFP**

Typhoon death toll tops 145 in Philippines, officials say

By Jason Gutierrez
The New York Times

MANILA, Philippines — The death toll from a powerful typhoon that struck the Philippines last week is continuing to rise as rescuers reach more devastated areas, with more than 145 people now believed to have been killed, officials said Sunday.

About half of the 146 deaths reported from Super Typhoon Rai were in the island province of Bohol in the central Visayas region, a tourist destination known for its diving spots and coral reefs.

Gov. Arthur Yap of Bohol province in the central Philippines said 72 people died there, 10 others were missing and 13 injured, and suggested the fatalities may still increase because only 33 of 48 mayors were able to report back to him due to downed communications.

Officials were trying to confirm a number of deaths caused by landslides and extensive flooding elsewhere.

"It is very clear that the damage sustained by Bohol is great and all-encompassing," Yap said.

The Philippines' national disaster agency, which often takes time to confirm deaths reported by officials around the country, was still reporting a count of 31 deaths from the typhoon Sunday.

The central province of Cebu and Cagayan de Oro city on the island of Mindanao were also among the worst-hit areas, and just off Mindanao, officials were trying to get aid to the island of Siargao, a popular surfing destination.

The typhoon made landfall on the island Thursday, with gusts of up to 168 mph, before tearing west across the country. Rai was classified as a super typhoon after reaching land, a designation comparable to a Category 5 hurricane in the United States.

Siargao was still cut off as of Sunday.

The typhoon was the 15th to hit the country this year. It dumped heavy rain over large areas, and large parts of the central and southern Philippines sustained damage, with many waterways overflowing their banks.

The chair of the Philippine Red Cross, Sen. Richard Gordon, said Rai was one of the strongest storms ever known to have struck the Philippines, which endures an average of 20 typhoons a year.

"Red Cross emergency teams are reporting complete carnage in the coastal areas. Homes, hospitals, schools and community buildings have been ripped to shreds," he said in a statement.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has started an emergency appeal for nearly $22 million to finance relief and recovery efforts for an estimated 400,000 people in the Philippines affected by Rai.

In Bohol, Yap said that provincial workers were working overtime to restore power and telecommunications facilities, and that many residents did not have access to clean drinking water.

He said a Philippine navy vessel would ship out from Manila on Monday with aid for Bohol, but he appealed for more help from the national government..

Associated Press contributed.

Hong Kong turnout low in election of loyalists to China

By Zen Soo
Associated Press

Officials empty a ballot box following a pro-Beijing legislative election Sunday in Hong Kong. Voting results are expected to be finalized Monday. **ANTHONY KWAN/GETTY**

HONG KONG — About a third of voters in Hong Kong cast their ballots Sunday in the first election since Beijing amended the laws to reduce the number of directly elected lawmakers and vet candidates to ensure that only those loyal to China can run.

The semi-autonomous territory was rocked by pro-democracy protests in 2014 and 2019 that were crushed by the security forces, followed by the imposition of a sweeping national security law that silenced most of the city's opposition activists and led others to flee abroad.

Low turnout was widely expected, with 1,309,601 registered voters, or 29.28%, casting their ballots by 9:30 p.m., an hour before polls were due to close.

The turnout for this year's elections was vastly lower than polls in 2012 and 2016, when over 50% of registered voters cast their ballots.

Warton Leung, who did not intend to vote in Sunday's election, said that the lack of choice in candidates dampened enthusiasm for voting.

"Although there is a chance to vote for pro-establishment and democracy candidates, there are few democratic choices, so Hong Kong people do not feel enthusiastic when it comes to voting," he said.

Others, such as Yu Wai-kwan, saw the election as a chance to vote for a better Hong Kong.

"I am voting to choose a new bunch of people to make Hong Kong a better place," Yu said. "I am a patriot, and I just hope for peace and quiet, and to have a good livelihood."

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam visited a polling station Sunday and said she had "no particular expectation" about the turnout.

Following the close of voting, Lam issued a statement saying the "improved" electoral system had worked as intended.

"The polls today were conducted in an open, fair and honest manner and the overall process was generally smooth," Lam's statement said.

Voting results are expected to be finalized Monday, and Lam was expected to travel to Beijing the same day to report on the outcome to central government leaders.

Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Minister Erick Tsang warned that foreign forces may be attempting to undermine the elections after overseas activists urged a boycott of the vote. Under the new election laws, incitement to boycott and casting invalid votes can lead up to three years in jail and a $26,500 fine.

Some 4.4 million residents are eligible to vote. The elections were originally scheduled to take place in September last year, but were postponed with authorities citing public health risks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The decision was opposed by the pro-democracy camp, which accused the government of using the outbreak to delay the vote.

Hong Kong's largest opposition party, the Democratic Party, fielded no candidates.

Heavy police presence surrounded polling stations Sunday.

Police chief Raymond Siu said about 10,000 officers would be deployed to make sure the election proceeds smoothly.

The rubber-stamp Chinese parliament in March passed a resolution to alter Hong Kong's election law that many saw as effectively ending the "one country, two systems" framework under which Hong Kong was to retain its separate legal, political and financial institutions for 50 years following the handover from Britain in 1997.

The assembly voted to give a pro-Beijing committee power to appoint more of Hong Kong's lawmakers, reducing the proportion of those directly elected, and ensure that only those truly loyal to Beijing are allowed to run for office.

OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yale New Haven Hospital treatment policy all wrong

Yale has announced that it will prioritize monoclonal antibody treatment for unvaccinated patients over vaccinated patients [courant.com, Dec. 11, "Amid surge in COVID-19 patients, Yale New Haven Hospital forced to limit who gets potentially life-saving treatment"]. This policy is completely backward. It means you can have two equally sick patients, one who did the right thing to restrict spread of the virus, and another who irresponsibly failed to get vaccinated leading to further spread of the disease.

This idiotic policy rewards reckless, foolish behavior. Priority should be given to patients who did the right thing. Rewarding people who fail to get vaccinated while punishing those who got vaccinated is a completely wrong-headed approach.

William Taylor, Mystic

Courant alters path in displaying Smollett news

The Courant's report on the Jussie Smollett verdict was on the lower half of Page 9 [Dec. 9]. Compare that to the placement of coverage of when Smollett made his claims, and of the divisive, race-baiting comments made by Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and Cory Booker, among others, before any of Smollett's outrageous claims were substantiated. Harris called it a modern lynching. The Courant's priorities are proved by its actions. Hateful and divisive statements by prominent people on the left are high priority. The truth? Oh, that gets Page 9, at the bottom.

Brian Burke, Branford

Yale New Haven Hospital makes poor choice

Yale New Haven plans to prioritize the use of scarce monoclonal antibodies for the unvaccinated [courant.com, Dec. 11, "Amid surge in COVID-19 patients, Yale New Haven Hospital forced to limit who gets potentially life-saving treatment"]. Even ignoring that this rationale rewards those who chose not to protect themselves over those who did, doesn't it incentivize not getting vaccinated to preserve access to the last line of defense?

Ann Azevedo, Manchester

False promises on state of CT website

The state of CT website offers vaccine incentives. I showed up at a clinic with my kids after I promised them tickets to Quassy if they got the shot. They did, but were told that there are no tickets because that was an old promotion. I told two people that someone should update the website as it is deceiving to consumers to offer something in return for getting the vaccine, not to mention me looking like I lied to my children. I sure hope the attorney general or Sen. Richard Blumenthal looks into this in order to protect consumers.

Ron McKinley, Middletown

Higher pay won't lessen teachers' workload

Tiffany Moyer-Washington will get only resentment from the public after whining that she "deserves" higher pay because of her heavy workload [Opinion, Page 1, Dec. 12, "Pay overworked teachers what they deserve"]. Many deserving people toil at more than one job to make ends meet. Unlike teachers, they don't have generous health or benefit-defined retirement plans. The pandemic sent many to unemployment. Teachers, on the other hand, never missed a paycheck.

When Ms. Moyer-Washington applied for her job, she knew the teachers' pay scale for 2021-22 ranges from $47,298 to $101,262, hence the query: Why did she take the job? Moreover, how is higher pay going to lighten her load?

Ms. Moyer-Washington put her finger on what exactly makes a teacher's lot so daunting: The encroachment of useless, trendy, politically correct bureaucratic fiats on teachers' planning time and, more important, on their professionalism. Teachers have no say on what, how or when they teach, but they are held accountable when test scores tank.

Joao R. Caxide, Manchester

The writer is retired from the Hartford public schools system.

Disgusted by headline in Sports section

I was disgusted by the headline for the article in the Dec. 12 Courant about Cromwell defeating Bloomfield for the state championship [Sports, Page 1, "Teddy Ballgame: Receiver Williams does it all as Cromwell-Portland finishes ride to Class S title"].

If the person who wrote the headline doesn't know that Ted Williams is the only Teddy Ballgame, then he or she doesn't belong on your sports staff.

Ray Grasso, Wethersfield

During the 2019 construction season the Connecticut Department of Transportation recorded 1,045 accidents within work zones involving 2,094 vehicles. **JUDITH LOWERY/DAILY PRESS**

OP-ED

Work zone cameras about saving lives, not issuing fines

By Carl Chisem

I never could have imagined that public and work zone safety would turn into a contentious debate on the front page of The Hartford Courant without input from the workers this legislation is designed to protect. The focus of the article was more about the fines rather than the reality of what it's like working in extreme danger on our highways and bridges.

I am the president of the Connecticut Employees Union Independent (CEUI Local 511) and I have dedicated 23 years to state service, 16 of which were with the Department of Transportation (DOT). CEUI represents roughly 4,000 public-sector service and maintenance workers across Connecticut, including the 1,500 men and women of the DOT whose lives and safety have been my No. 1 concern. Unfortunately, our highways have become so dangerous because drivers refuse to put down their phones or slow down unless there's a possibility of being ticketed, and if these cameras save even one of our members' lives and prevent a crash, I consider it a success. My hope is that not a single speeding ticket will be sent out and drivers finally learn to respect the lives and safety of people plowing, trimming trees, and repairing roads and bridges.

The Work Zone Speed Camera Pilot Program is a huge victory for the folks who have seen a dramatic increase of highway accidents in the past two years — they deserve to work without fear of losing their lives on the job. Earlier this year, DOT Commissioner Joseph Giulietti included horrifying statistics in his personal testimony supporting this bill. He said that during the 2019 construction season the DOT recorded 1,045 accidents within work zones involving 2,094 vehicles, and that "the majority of these incidents can be directly connected to excessive speed."

Our members, my colleagues, and the union have been aware of statistics like these for years. These statistics are one of the reasons this legislation was finally able to pass, and I have no doubt we will see this program's success over the next year. Our union has been working for years on this legislation to protect the lives of our members, and it is disappointing that The Courant has not reached out to the workers or its representatives to be a part of the conversation.

These workers are not just a statistic or a fine to avoid paying; we should not lose sight of the real impact on the lives of those affected by work zone crashes.

When this legislation passed, it was to ensure we would never again see 2,094 vehicles crash with mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers whose families depended on them to come home safely at the end of the day. It is my duty and responsibility as a union president to protect and advocate for the safety of all workers and travelers on our roads, the Work Zone Speed Camera bill will help make our roads safer for everyone, as it has done in other states.

Carl Chisem is president of the Connecticut Employees Union Independent.

OP-ED

The historically ungrounded 1619 Project keeps rolling on

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The New York Times is like God, who, if Genesis reported creation correctly, beheld his handiwork and decided "it was very good." The Times is comparably pleased with itself concerning its creation, "The 1619 Project."

This began in August 2019 as a special edition of the paper's Sunday magazine. Now it has become a book by which the Times continues attempting to "reframe" U.S. history. The Times describes the book as "a groundbreaking work of journalism." That description damages journalism's reputation for respecting facts, which the 2019 writing that begot this book did not do. The 1619 Project's tendentiousness reeks of political purpose.

The Times's original splashy assertion — slightly fudged after the splash garnered a Pulitzer Prize — was that the American Revolution, the most important event in our history, was shameful because a primary reason it was fought was to preserve slavery. The war was supposedly ignited by a November 1775 British offer of freedom to Blacks who fled slavery and joined British forces. Well.

That offer came after increasingly volcanic American reactions to various British provocations: After the 1765 Stamp Act. After the 1770 Boston Massacre. After the 1773 Boston Tea Party. After the 1774 Coercive Acts (including closure of Boston's port) and other events of "The Long Year of Revolution" (the subtitle of Mary Beth Norton's "1774"). And after, in 1775, the April 17 battles of Lexington and Concord, the June 17 battle of Bunker Hill and George Washington on July 3 assuming command of the Continental Army.

Writing history is not like doing physics. But event A cannot have caused event B if B began before A.

Addressing the American Council of Trustees and Alumni last month, Gordon S. Wood, today's foremost scholar of America's Founding, dissected the 1619 Project's contentions. When the Revolution erupted, Britain "was not threatening to abolish slavery in its empire," which included lucrative, slavery-dependent sugar-producing colonies in the Caribbean. Wood added:

"If the Virginian slaveholders had been frightened of British abolitionism, why only eight years after the war ended would the board of visitors or the trustees of the College of William & Mary, wealthy slaveholders all, award an honorary degree to Granville Sharp, the leading British abolitionist at the time? Had they changed their minds so quickly? ... The New York Times has no accurate knowledge of Virginia's Revolutionary culture and cannot begin to answer these questions." The Times's political agenda requires ignoring what Wood knows:

"It was the American colonists who were interested in abolitionism in 1776. ... Not only were the Northern states the first slaveholding governments in the world to abolish slavery, but the United States became the first nation in the world to begin actively suppressing the despicable international slave trade. The New York Times has the history completely backward."

Wood's doctoral dissertation adviser in 1960 to 1964 was Bernard Bailyn, the title of whose best-known book, "The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution," conveys a refutation of the 1619 Project's premise that the Revolution originated from base economic motives. When Bailyn died a year after the 1619 Project was launched, the Times's obituary noted that he had challenged the "Progressive Era historians ... who saw the founders' revolutionary rhetoric as a mask for economic interests." Actually, the rhetoric gave momentum to ideas that were the Revolution.

The 1619 Project, which might already be embedded in school curricula near you, reinforces the racial monomania of those progressives who argue that the nation was founded on, and remains saturated by, "systemic racism." This racial obsession is instrumental; it serves a radical agenda that sweeps beyond racial matters. It is the agenda of clearing away all impediments, intellectual and institutional, to — in progressivism's vocabulary — the "transformation" of the nation. The United States will be built back better when it has been instructed to be ashamed of itself and is eager to discard its disreputable heritage.

The 1619 Project aims to erase (in Wood's words) "the Revolution and the principles that it articulated — liberty, equality and the well-being of ordinary people." These ideas are, as Wood says, the adhesives that bind our exceptional nation whose people have shared principles, not a shared ancestry.

The Times says "nearly everything that has truly made America exceptional" flows from "slavery and the anti-Black racism it required." So, the 1619 Project's historical illiteracy is not innocent ignorance. Rather, it is maliciousness in the service of progressivism's agenda, which is to construct a thoroughly different nation on the deconstructed rubble of what progressives hope will be the nation's thoroughly discredited past.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

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DPW PROJECT: RD2021-1
EAST WALL STREET - LANDMARK SQUARE SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
Sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Norwalk's Purchasing Department, Room 202, at City Hall, 125 East Avenue, PO. Box 5125, Norwalk, Connecticut 06856-5125, L102-0004 – Landmark Square Safety, Accessibility and Streetscape Improvement Project, until 2:00 PM. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at which time and place said bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.
Submission of Bid: As of May 20, 2021, the Norwalk City Hall is reopened fully to the public with no appointment required. Masks and physical distancing will be required for employees and visitors at City Hall. The City of Norwalk is allowing for electronic submission along with hard copy submission. All participants are required to submit both by the said date and time. Hard copy submission must match the electronic submission and will be the official accepted submission. The City of Norwalk has the right to reject any submission that does not meet this criteria.
All electronic submissions must be submitted in Bonfire no later than Monday, January 24, 2022, at 2:00 PM.
All sealed hard copy Bids should be submitted to the City of Norwalk's Purchasing Department no later than Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the address listed below:
City of Norwalk Purchasing Department
125 East Avenue, Room 211
Norwalk, CT 06856-5125
The Contractor shall be responsible for checking the City of Norwalk's website for any addenda issued one week prior to the date of the bid opening. The deadline for receipt of all questions pertaining to this bid is 2:00 PM. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. All questions pertaining to this bid shall be directed to Sharon Conners, Purchasing Agent, at Sconners@norwalkct.org.
IMPORTANT Submission Information: As of 08/10/2020, a new interior Customer Service window opened inside City Hall that will help serve the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The window is staffed by Customer Service representatives Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members of the public can walk-in and they must wear a mask/face covering. If you are planning to use the Customer Service window to drop off your submission, it is recommended to drop off the submission as early as possible since the team will be serving other customers.
It is still recommended to use a courier service (i.e. FedEx, UPS, USPS, DHL, etc.) to deliver the submission to the above address by the due date and time.
Public Opening: Per the City of Norwalk Purchasing Guidelines, Bids shall be opened publicly by the Purchasing Agent or their designee, in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the Invitation for Bids. The amount of each bid, and such other relevant information as may be specified by the bid, together with the name of each bidder shall be recorded; the record and each bid shall be open to public inspection. Due to Norwalk City Hall being open to the public on a limited basis only, or by prior appointment, if you wish to hear the bid/RFP opening, please join us through a teleconference:
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Contract documents may be obtained from the City of Norwalk's electronic procurement bidding system. A complete copy of the bid documents is available online through the City of Norwalk's website www.norwalkct.org via the Department of Purchasing and Central Services. Plans, Specifications and addenda will be present in pdf format. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to review all sheets of the set, all specification pages and any addenda issued. The contract documents can also be viewed in person at the Office of the Director of Public Works, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.
This Complete Streets project consists of reducing the width of the travel lanes to calm vehicular traffic through this area of East Wall Street and provide a greater level of pedestrian safety and accessibility by providing an additional raised crosswalk and wider sidewalks. The storm drainage infrastructure will also require modification due to the relocation of the granite curb lines. Historic Street lighting, as well as additional street trees and other landscape amenities will be installed within the project limits.
The minimum prevailing wage rates to be paid for labor of the various classifications shall be in accordance with prevailing State and/or Federal Wage Rates, Schedules provided within the Contract Documents. See Special Notes for further information.
All bidders are required to inform themselves fully regarding all conditions impacting the construction of the Project described herein. This responsibility shall include carefully examining plans, specifications and all other requirements for the project, including the contract documents, as well as personally examining and inspecting the location of the project and all conditions impacting the work to be performed, together with the local sources of labor, supplies and materials. Each bidder must understand the conditions impacting the required performance of the work. All claims of any misunderstanding or lack of information regarding any of the foregoing shall be waived as a result of the responsibilities hereunder.
The contractor who is selected to perform this State project must comply with CONN. GEN. STAT. §§ 4a-60, 4a-60a, 4a-60g, and 46a-68b through 46a-68f, inclusive, as amended by June 2015 Special Session Public Act 15-5.
State law requires a minimum of twenty-five (25%) percent of the state-funded portion of the contract for award to subcontractors holding current certification from the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") under the provisions of CONN. GEN. STAT. § 4a-60g. (25% of the work with DAS certified Small and Minority owned businesses and 25% of that work with DAS certified Minority, Women and/or Disabled owned businesses.) The contractor must demonstrate good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals.
For municipal public works contracts and quasi-public agency projects, the contractor must file a written or electronic non-discrimination certification with the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Forms can be found at:
http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=390928&opmNav_GID=1806
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- For State funded projects, a Connecticut Department of Transportation Bid Proposal Request or Submission – Qualification Affidavit – signed and notarized on behalf of the bidder. (Not Required for This Project)
- For City funded projects, a Bidder's Qualification Statement - signed and notarized on behalf of the bidder. (Required for This Project – Form Included)
- A sworn statement/affidavit on behalf of the bidder certifying that the bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into an agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract to be awarded. (part of bid proposal form)
Out of State Contractors will be required to provide proof of complying with State of Connecticut Department of Revenue Services Form AU-766 (See Special Notes and the Appendix) prior to contract signing.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond, and a labor and materials bond for the amount of the total bid prior to signing a contract. A certified check cannot be substituted for either bond. The City of Norwalk reserves the right to alter quantities and to accept or reject any or all bids or any portion of any bids, for any or no reason, including unavailability of appropriated funds, as it may deem to be in its best interests.
All bidders are requested to note that the award of this Contract is subject to the following conditions and contingencies:
1. The approval of such governmental agencies as may be required by law.
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Plans and Specifications for the above project may be examined and/or obtained at Advanced Reprographics, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062, (860) 410-1020. Plans and Specifications may be viewed and/or obtained by going to the Advanced Reprographics website www.advancedrepro.net. Prospective bidders should access the "Planroom" on the website and go to the "Public Jobs" area, no log in information is necessary. Plans and specifications may be picked up at the Advanced Reprographics office. Plans and specifications may also be ordered by calling the Advanced Reprographics number listed above. Bidders are responsible for all printing costs and shipping costs, as applicable.

CONTRACTOR SHALL BE PRE-QUALIFIED BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GROUP NO.8- MINOR BRIDGES CONSTRUCTION.

Form 818 Standard Specifications and Supplemental Specifications may be obtained via the Connecticut Department of Transportation's website: http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=3609&q=430362. All Proposals must be on the form furnished by the Town of Norfolk and must be requested for the above named project

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid a certified check, or a bid bond, for not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid as provided in the Information for Bidders.

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UConn, Mansfield seek crosswalk work

Improvements sought on South Eagleville Road after grad student was fatally struck last month

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

The mayor of Mansfield and UConn's interim president are asking the state's transportation agency to install pedestrian safety equipment at three South Eagleville Road crosswalks, including the one where a grad student was fatally struck by a car last month.

Mayor Antonia Moran and interim President Andrew Agwunobi signed a letter to Joseph J. Giulietti, commissioner of the state Department of Transportation, asking for the off-campus improvements. The letter was emailed Wednesday, Mansfield Town Manager Ryan J. Aylesworth said.

"We are requesting your assistance and seek urgent action," the letter reads. "On the evening of November 30, 2021, the Town of Mansfield and University of Connecticut communities experienced a tragic loss of life when Nhuong Nguyen, a 29-year-old graduate student at the University of Connecticut, was struck and killed by an automobile while crossing State Route 275 (South Eagleville Road) at an uncontrolled crosswalk."

Moran and Agwunobi said they would like the state to install equipment at the crosswalk and at two others that lack signalization. One such safety feature would include flashing lights like the ones on North Eagleville Road, which runs through campus.

"We urgently request that the DOT install countermeasures, such as Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon (RRFB) equipment and pedestrian control features, to improve pedestrian safety and help to prevent future fatalities at these three uncontrolled crosswalk locations on Route 275," or South Eagleville Road, the letter states. The crosswalks are at Eastwood Road, where Nguyen was struck, Westwood Road and Mansfield Apartments/Mansfield Community Center.

The officials also asked for the state to fast-track improvements around the block on Route 195, or Storrs Road, which are planned for the 2023 construction season. Flashing lights and pedestrian

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Leanne and JR Rusgrove at the downtown Bristol building they're converting into a larger version of their Parkside Cafe. **DON STACOM/HARTFORD COURANT**

Parkside Cafe owners are filling their plate

Rusgroves are on course to be running four Bristol restaurants by January

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

The challenge of opening two Bristol restaurants at once could seem overwhelming, but in their careers JR and Leanne Rusgrove have already survived a devastating fire, a flood, a septic system failure and a $60,000 vandalism spree.

"We love this business, but restaurants are hard work. We know we'll be looking at 16- and 18-hour days for the next few weeks," JR Rusgrove said Thursday in the vacant 6,200-square-foot building that he and his wife are trying to remodel by New Year's Day.

The former Foodie's on North Main Street will become the new, vastly larger home of the Rusgroves' popular Parkside Cafe on Federal Hill, long the premier breakfast restaurant in the city.

A 2-minute drive away, the Rusgroves are converting the closed Dunkin' Donuts at Bristol Hospital into a seven-day-a-week café. Coupled with their Pure Foods health food café and Main Street Pint & Plate, the Rusgroves expect to be running four restaurants in Bristol by mid-winter.

In a city that was long known as a culinary desert, the Rusgroves have been at the forefront of a steady — though slow — move to more adventurous dining choices.

They opened the Parkside in 2008 offering traditional eggs-and-bacon fare, but built its reputation on fruit crepes and more exotic specialties like The Hot Mess, described as "grilled Texas toast with fried

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First Night returns to bring us into 2022

New Year's Eve event in Hartford to feature fireworks, performers

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — First Night Hartford, the downtown family-friendly New Year's Eve Party that has been held annually since 1989, went virtual last year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. This year it's back live, with crafts, activities, live performances, talks, ice skating and fireworks with live music at both 6 p.m. and midnight.

The event runs from 2 p.m. to midnight. An art walk-scavenger hunt will be a highlight of the afternoon and evening. Visual artists will be stationed throughout the hunt and will create artwork themed toward New Year's "intentions."

Taneisha Duggan, who is organizing the entertainment, said an intention is "a simplified version of a resolution," and each station will have its own intention. Among the intentions are abundance, connect, joy, grace, hope, beauty, resilient, play, listen, emerge, transform, focus.

"These are all words we hope visitors in our city will embody into 2022," Duggan said. A map of the intention stations will be posted soon on firstnighthartford.org.

"We're all eager to get together again," Duggan said. "What's great is that it's an outdoor event. We're coming out of hibernation, outside, with the best ventilation the planet has to offer, really engaging in arts and culture."

Activities will take place at outdoor and indoor venues including Hartford Public Library, The Old State House, Sea Tea Improv, Wadsworth Atheneum, Center Church, Christ Church, The Bushnell Carousel,

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Library's Baby Grand Jazz series is back with live performances

First of 17 shows in Hartford will take place Jan. 2

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Hartford Public Library has announced the performers for its 2022 Baby Grand Jazz series and will return to live performances after going to streaming only last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The influential local jazz series, one of the most popular programs at the library, will consist of 17 concerts happening between Jan. 2 and April 24 at the main downtown library's Center for Contemporary Culture on Sundays at 3 p.m. in front of a small audience. There is no concert on Easter, April 17, but otherwise there's a show every week.

The concerts will also be livestreamed. The series has found an international audience of thousands of viewers for the livestreamed concerts.

It's the 19th year of Baby Grand Jazz, which showcases jazz artists who have some connection to Hartford but in most cases also have regional, national and/or

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Jazz flutist Sherry Winston, a member of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, will perform April 3 at the Hartford Public Library's Baby Grand Jazz series. **HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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international followings.

"We're pleased to be able to offer an in-person live music experience this year, and hope to continue fostering community and connection for Hartford area music lovers," said Liz Castle, Hartford Public Library's programming and events manager.

Admission is free, but registration is required for in-person seating, as are masks. The streams can be found on the library Facebook page and YouTube channel. More information on the 2022 Baby Grand Jazz series can be found at hplct.org. The library is located at 500 Main St. in Hartford.

The season

Jan. 2: The eclectic soul/jazz/modern duo S.O.A.R., whose band name stands for "Sounds of A&R, namely vocalist April May Webb and trumpeter Randall Haywood.

Jan. 9: New Haven-based trumpeter Joshua Bruneau, who has toured Europe with Curtis Fuller and has recorded with the Ken Fowser Quintet and Steve Davis.

Jan. 16: Singer/songwriter Dana Lauren, who has performed with, and had an album produced by, Arturo Sandoval.

Jan. 23: Quartet 95, a decade-old ensemble named for the interstate highway.

Jan. 30: The multicultural Boston band Noah y Maurizio, which incorporates folk and Brazilian sounds into their acoustic-based sets.

Feb. 6: Bebop and traditional pianist Emery Austin Smith, a lifelong Hartford resident who last played the Baby Grand series in 2019.

Feb. 13: Versatile drummer Trevor Davis with his combo Jazz Affair. Davis grew up playing with such Connecticut legends as Michael Bolton, G.E. Smith and the band Fountainhead. He's also played in Dixieland acts.

Feb. 20: Saxophonist and Connecticut native Colin Walters with his quartet. Walters has played with Funky Dawgz Brass Band, New London Big Band and several symphony orchestras in the state.

Feb. 27: Mary DiPaola Trio, featuring noted local bassist/bandleader/educator Nat Reeves. Both DiPaolo (a pianist) and Reeves have taught at the Hartt School. The Mary DiPaolo trio last played the Baby Grand series in 2019.

March 6: The DeChamplain/Anick Quartet, featuring pianist Matt DeChamplain of Hartford and violinist Jason Anick of Boston. The quartet pays homage to such composers and performers as John Coltrane, Horace Silver, Stephane Grappelli and Oscar Peterson.

March 13: Carl Testa's Sway. Local experimental jazz mainstay Testa is the production manager at New Haven's avant-jazz studio and listening room Firehouse 12 and the director of publishing and creative technology for jazz great Anthony Braxton's Tri-Centric Foundation.

March 20: Pianist Mike Carabello, who studied at the Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz, and his trio.

March 27: Uruguayan pianist Nando Michelin, who lives and teaches in Massachusetts, alongside Brazilian bassist Ebinho Cardoso, who create jazz scores to the poetry of João Cabral de Melo Neto.

April 3: The Sherry Winston Band. Revered jazz flutist Winston has been inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame. She last played the Baby Grand series in 2017.

April 10: Singer/songwriter Allegra Levy, whose latest album "Lose My Number" was released in 2020.

April 17, Easter Sunday: No show

April 24: Ronnie Burrage & Holographic Principle. Jazz/funk/soul drummer/keyboardist Burrage has recorded with Hamiet Bluiett, Jack Walrath, World Saxophone Quartet and many others.

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egg, crispy bacon, gouda and muenster cheese, tomato slices and pesto mayo."

After Main Street Pint & Plate opened three years ago, the menu added a few novelties to the more standard pub fare: Faroe Island salmon, Cajun chicken alfredo and fried brussels sprouts with maple sugar and pecorino cheese.

"We spend a lot of money on food. So many places used canned fruit. We have a budget of $500 a week for fresh fruit," JR Rusgrove said. "It's important."

The tiny Parkside built a following with its menu, linen tablecloths and napkins at breakfast and a welcoming atmosphere: The Rusgroves' motto is "Enter as strangers, leave as friends." Politicians, business leaders and city officials soon made it the hotspot for Sunday breakfasts: There's frequently a 30-minute or longer wait on weekend mornings, and on-street parking is usually tight during breakfast and lunch hours.

All of that made their business important to planners trying to get the downtown revitalization back on track several years ago. The Chamber of Commerce eagerly promoted the opening of Main Street Pint & Plate in the former Barley and Vine building, and former Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu's administration worked to bring the Parkside to its soon-to-be new home on North Main Street in the heart of downtown.

Newly elected Mayor Jeff Caggiano is a big supporter as well, and said Friday that "JR is a great restaurant owner in Bristol. Parkside downtown in that new space is going to be a new hot spot, especially on the weekends."

Bristol Hospital is looking for the Rusgroves to provide a vibrant "business café" when they open Ivy's Brewed Awakenings in January. The business takes over the Dunkin' space in the main lobby, and will serve visitors and employees from breakfast through dinner hours.

"Their reputation in terms of quality and service in this community is excellent, so it was an easy decision for us," President Kurt Barwis said. "When I walked in this morning, Dunkin' Donuts was moving out and there was JR already in the space getting started."

On Thursday, the Rusgroves divided time between working on the new Parkside space, signing bank paperwork, scheduling inspections and planning their staffing rosters for the restaurants. Both are veterans of long previous careers — JR in manufacturing and sales, Leanne in the business end of the nursing field — but say they wouldn't do anything else now.

"I grew up in Bristol, right by where the Parkside is now. This is where we have our home," JR Rusgrove said. "The first job I ever had was working at Maple Street Pizza, a beautiful little restaurant owned by a Greek couple. That was right next to where Parkside is. It was impeccable. Nick and Esther and their two daughters ran it, and it was phenomenal."

Growing up, he sampled unusual and exotic foods from several cultures at his father's insistence, he said.

"I've always had a huge passion for food. My father, who was probably my biggest culinary mentor, used to take me to places and make me eat things. My father took me to Martino's Market and made me sniff the cheese, eat the sausage. By Muzzy Field there was this little Italian place and I'd eat the soffritto, the gizzards, the hearts. By the time I got to 10 or 12, chicken nuggets and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches had no allure to me," he said.

At age 12, he told his family he wanted to own an ice cream shop on Federal Hill.

"I think I was baptized with an entrepreneurial spirit. From the youngest age, from my first paper route, I've always loved the thought of being in charge of my own destiny, being my own boss."

He ended up with a decadeslong detour into manufacturing procurement, but a year after marrying Leanne in 2007 decided he was done with corporate life. She followed soon afterward, and they now they split the duties of their restaurants.

"There are so many things Leanne can do that I can't. As much as I've had an appreciation for food and all things culinary, Leanne knew how to run a restaurant," he said.

"We definitely complement each other," Leanne Rusgrove said. "He does a lot of the marketing and purchasing. I do a lot of the day-to-day management. He does the menus. I do the computer work, scheduling."

The Parkside was a hit from the start: The Rusgroves rang up $200 more in sales the first day than they'd expected, and have never done less than that.

But they've hit plenty of obstacles in 13 years of business. A malfunctioning appliance set off a fire that gutted the Parkside in 2011, and they didn't reopen for more than a year. In the meantime, they tried a fine dining experiment — Garnish — in the center of Forestville. Garnish was damaged when the Pequabuck River flooded during a severe storm, but ultimately failed because it couldn't draw enough regulars to keep going.

The Rusgroves also opened a breakfast restaurant in Wolcott, but had to shut down when the landlord's septic system failed — with repair costs estimated at $100,000.

And as the Foodie's renovations were underway in November, thieves destroyed an estimated $60,000 worth of air conditioners and roofing as they ripped apart the air handling system in search of salvage metal. With all of the adversity, JR Rusgrove still approaches the new projects with enthusiasm.

"To have one successful restaurant in your life is incredible, but to have as many as we've had and to continue this going seems almost impossible," he said. "But we work. We're in our restaurants 18 hours a day, seven days a week. I came in one night, my family was here from South Carolina and came for dinner. We had a dishwasher who didn't show up because he wasn't feeling well. I ran in the kitchen and did dishes. I'd come back to the table a little and nibble on my meal, then jump back in the kitchen and do more dishes.

"You don't have a choice," he said. "If I leave the one kid who's doing dishes without help, he's going to quit. He needs to see the integrity of who we are. If something goes wrong, Leanne or I don't think, 'Who's going to fix it?' There are people where those obligations in their restaurants are beneath them. We don't think that way. We are solely responsible for the entire package of this restaurant."

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88 Pratt St., an XL Center storefront on Trumbull Street and the parking lot behind TheaterWorks.

On New Year's Eve, the 11th annual Winterfest ice skating hours in Bushnell Park are 11 a.m. to midnight. Hours on New Year's Day are noon to 4 p.m.

One outdoor venue is the Mainstage, at the Soldiers and Sailors Arch in Bushnell Park. Here's the lineup of events at Mainstage:

- 2 p.m.: Event kickoff with the Dwayne Keith Experience
- 2:30 p.m.: Highlights from "Nutcracker Suite and Spicy," a modern-day retelling of "The Nutcracker," which has become a holiday tradition in Hartford.
- 3 p.m.: Hartford Proud Drill Drum and Dance Corp
- 4:45 p.m.: Dreamvoid
- 5:15 p.m.: Singer Sonia Morant
- 6 p.m.: Arrival of People's Parade, curated by Nightfall, accompanied by fireworks
- 6:15 p.m.: PopTart's Community breakdance cypher and celebration of competition winner
- 7:15 p.m.: Connecticut State Troubadour Nekita Waller
- 8 p.m.: The Dance Collective
- 8:30 p.m.: Featured artist from Funny Bone Records
- 9:30 p.m.: Live broadcast of The Other Voice at Center Church
- 10:30 p.m.: Live DJ set
- Midnight: Fireworks and Dwayne Keith Experience

First Night buttons are now on sale. The button, which is $12, $3 for kids, is the ticket into all the indoor venues. This year's button was designed by Ellis Echevarria. They can be bought online or in person at Winterfair market on Pratt Street or at Highland Park Market

For $25, families also can buy the First Night Party Kit, which contains a coloring book, party masks, temporary tattoos, crayons and an activity book with a word search, crossword puzzle, mad-libs, connect the dots, maze, matching and scavenger hunt.

Hartford Wolf Pack are playing the Providence Bruins at 3 p.m. Tickets to the minor league hockey game are not included in the button price. They are $21 to $46, $12 to $22 for kids. The team will have a Teddy Bear Toss that night. Game attendees are asked to bring a teddy bear and throw it onto the ice. The toys will be collected and donated to a charitable organization.

Participating artists to the scavenger hunt include Andre Rochester, Jena Fenton, Muva Mya, Deka Henry, Lindaluz Carillo, Mercury, Kevin Basura, Ashley the Creator, Vash, The Collective NH and Dave Borawski.

First Night also needs volunteers and is seeking donations. For a map of the intention stations (coming soon), to buy a button, volunteer or donate, visit firstnighthartford.org. Updates can also be found on the event's Facebook page.

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control features are planned for the crosswalks at Price Chopper, Storrs Commons and Mirror Lake, south leg, they said, as is an upgrade of the flashing lights at Storrs Cycle Center. They are asking that the improvements be made in 2022.

UConn Police Chief Gerald Lewis said UConn has been considering improvements at all of its campus crosswalks, even the ones that already have flashing yellow lights to warn drivers a student is crossing. They only work if a student presses a button to activate them, and Lewis said he'd like to see them automated.

He also said he has been thinking of getting students involved in creating a public service announcement to remind fellow students to be aware of traffic when crossing the street. He had been contemplating the changes for a while, he said, before the deadly pedestrian collision just off campus.

"We are always looking to improve safety, so that conversation is ongoing. It's not just a one-shot deal," Lewis said. "There are a lot of things that keep a police chief up at night, and one of those things is pedestrian safety."

Aylesworth, the town manager, said the town of Mansfield has been working with the state for years to improve crosswalks on South Eaglesville Road. With college students walking to and from apartment complexes in the area, such as the one where Nguyen lived, he said, " I think there has generally been concern that people often maybe aren't paying attention as they should."

Kafi Rouse, the DOT's director of communications, said last week that the state has made improvements at the intersection with Eastwood over the years.

She cited changes that started with the installation of pedestrian warning signs in 2000, and an upgrade of the signs in 2014.

Earlier this year, the state milled South Eagleville Road and painted a bar-style crosswalk there, she said.

Nguyen was in the crosswalk at the intersection with Eastwood Road when he was struck Nov. 30, state police said. He was taken to Windham Hospital, where he died.

A university employee was behind the wheel of the car that hit him. No arrests have been made, although state police continue to investigate.

Nguyen was described as a talented researcher who was pursuing his PhD in computer science and engineering in the UConn School of Engineering.

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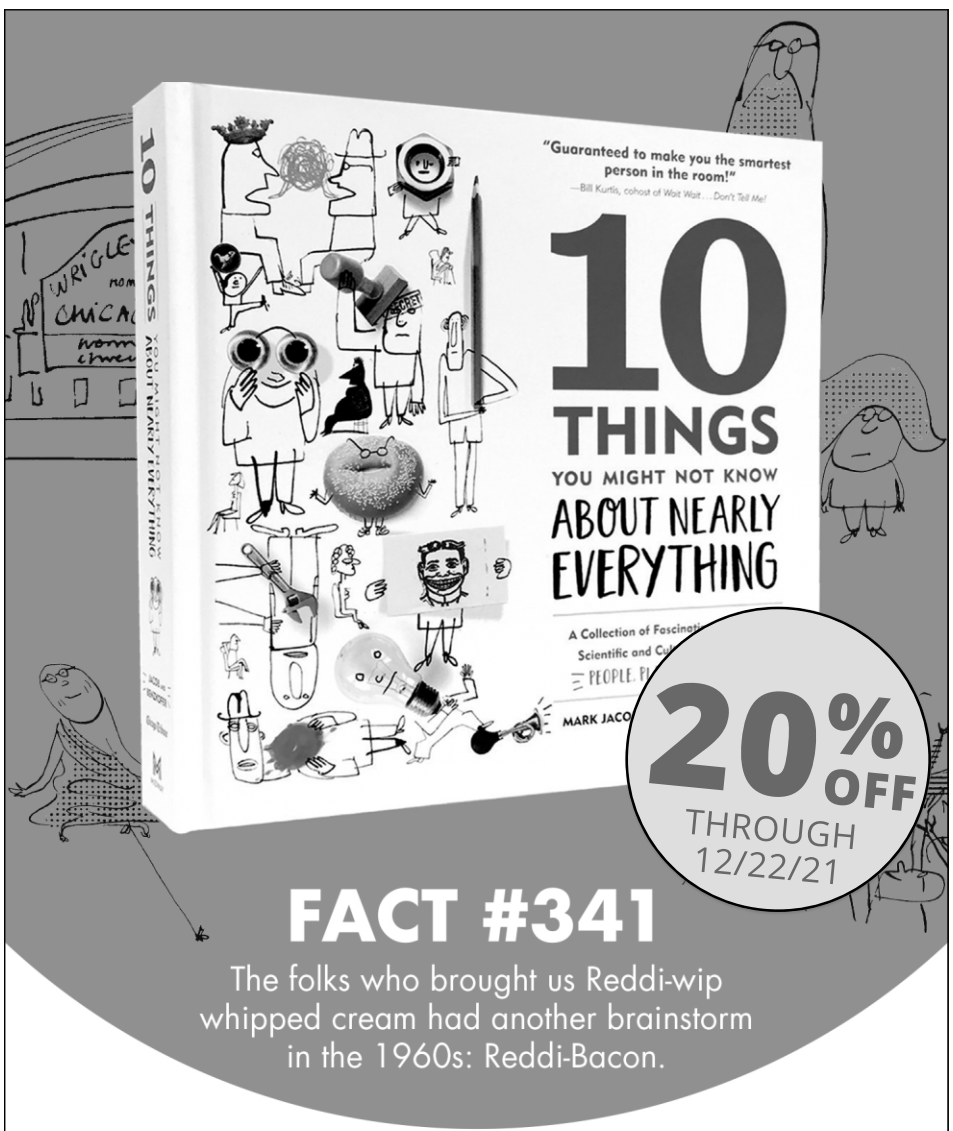

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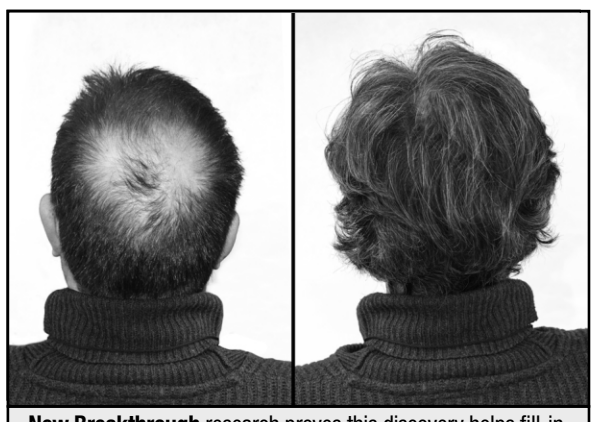

New Breakthrough research proves this discovery helps fill-in bald spots, re-nournishes thinning hair, and leads to noticeable growth in as little as 30 days.

Surprising Truth About Hair Loss

It is commonly believed that hair loss is hereditary.

Unfortunately, most people think there is nothing they can do to stop it. However, while many doctors will tell you that thinning hair, a receding hairline, and bald spots are due to your genetics, this is not the whole story.

"While genetics play a role, it's not the main reason you lose hair," says Dr. Al Sears, the nation's top anti-aging doctor. "And surprisingly it's not just your age, thyroid, hormones, stress, or a vitamin deficiency, either."

The latest scientific research reveals that hair loss is primarily caused by the stem cells in your hair follicles dying.

"This discovery is a true breakthrough because by reviving these stem cells on your scalp, you can stop hair loss dead in its tracks and trigger new hair growth, even in areas that have been thinning for years," explains Dr. Sears.

Now, at his world-famous clinic, the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. Sears and his team have used this game-changing discovery to develop a brand-new hair restoration formula that is taking the country by storm.

Sold under the name Re-Nourish, it is flying off the shelves with men and women of all ages raving about the results it delivers.

"I have seen a significant improvement in hair growth. Previously, you could see thinning areas at the back of my head and now hair has grown over it," says Peter W. from Ontario, Canada.

And Susan D. from Fort Pierce, Florida reports, "My hair was thinning. So, I began to use Re-Nourish every day on the front part of my scalp. Now I have thicker hair."

Regrows Hair In Just 30 Days

Scientists now know that stem cells are the lifeblood of your hair follicles.

Research from the University of California shows they're the reason you're able to grow hair. However, these stem cells aren't always active. In fact, studies reveal they're only active during certain phases of the hair growth cycle.

"Your hair grows in three phases," explains Dr. Sears. "First, you have the anagen phase, the hair growing phase. Then the catagen phase, when hair gets ready to shed. And finally, the telogen phase, where your hair is pushed from the follicle and falls out."

As you get older it becomes harder for your hair follicles to complete this three-phase cycle. The results? Your hairs get stuck in the telogen phase. This is when they start falling out and stop regrowing, no matter what you try.

This process doesn't happen overnight, says Dr. Sears.

"At first, your hair dries out, becoming brittle, thin, and harder to style. Then, you start finding hairs on your pillow and down the drain. Finally, you're left with bald spots that age you prematurely."

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Reawakens Dead Hair Follicles

For years, scientists couldn't figure out why hair follicle stem cells died.

However, a study from the University of California finally found the answer.

It has to do with T-cells — an important immune cell in your body. The researchers discovered these T-cells are the only way to command hair follicles to grow new hair.

More importantly, they showed that T-cells helped revive the stem cells in your hair follicles — spurring new growth, filling in bald spots and natural hairline.

Re-Nourish uses a unique blend of all-natural ingredients. By spraying it on your hair once per day, scientific studies show you can revive dead stem cells and improve the appearance of thicker, fuller hair.

For example, the key nutrient of Re-Nourish was tested on a group of severely balding women.

After 6 months, nearly 70% of the women saw significant improvement in hair growth. Their hair was noticeably fuller, thicker, and healthier looking. Most exciting of all, they grew new hair on parts of their scalp that had been bald for years.

In another study, Italian researchers gathered a group of both men and women with thinning hair and applied the core ingredient of Re-Nourish. After 12 weeks, they reported a staggering 74% increase in hair growth.

"It's really mind-boggling that my hair started growing back," says Zan R., another Re-Nourish customer.

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'DRIVE MY CAR': In the largely Saab-bound short story "Drive My Car," part of Haruki Murakami's collection "Men Without Women," an actor takes a job playing the title role in Anton Chekhov's simple, profound comedy of thwarted passions, "Uncle Vanya." (Few consider it funny, even in productions trying to be, but Chekhov classified it as a comedy.) The story largely unfolds as a series of conversations — officious at first, then gradually more unguarded — between the actor, whose wife has died, and his chauffeur, an isolated young woman most at home behind the wheel. Those car-bound conversations remain central to co-writer and director Ryusuke Hamaguchi's exquisitely acted expansion of "Drive My Car." The film ventures into the minds and hearts of many other characters across several weeks, as they rehearse a play demanding the hardest thing a performer can achieve: simple honesty, and self-examination without indulgence. 2:59. 4 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'ENCANTO': The latest Disney Animation film, "Encanto," sweeps audiences away to a colorful, enchanted world of Colombian magical realism, introducing the Madrigal family, who have each been granted extraordinary gifts, except one, our heroine, Mirabel (Stefanie Beatriz), who has yet to discover her own personal magic. The Madrigal family magic was borne out of extreme trauma and pain, when matriarch Abuela Alma (Maria Cecilia Botero) lost her husband while fleeing violence in their village. In desperation, she cried out for protection for herself and her infant triplets, and a magical candle raised mountains around a charmed casita, where she's raised her family since. Each Madrigal receives their gift in a coming-of-age ceremony, whether it's super strength, high-powered hearing, talking to animals, spinning flowers out of thin air, shape-shifting, future divining, weather controlling or food healing. The only exception to the magical rule so far is the sweet, smart Mirabel, who never received her gift, and has since felt like the family outcast, bending over backward to earn her place among them. As she starts to see cracks in the foundation of their beloved casita, Mirabel probes deeper in to the family's magic, and ultimately realizes that all of her family members are caught in the trap of perfectionism. 1:39. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'LICORICE PIZZA': Gary Valentine is almost famous. This enterprising hustler parlays his demi-fame into a kind of accidental-on-purpose mystique, that of a 15-year-old LA whiz kid, with one foot in the Industry as a child actor and the other in whatever he's cooking up at the moment. "Licorice Pizza," writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson's gloriously hazy hangout of a movie, starts from the premise of this San Fernando Valley high schooler putting his idea of "the moves" on 25-year-old Alana. She works as a photographer's assistant. He first spies her when he's in line for picture day. Their queasy age difference makes Gary's ardor, in Alana's eyes, a foolish delusion. Yet Alana — as played, indelibly, by Alana Haim of the Grammy-nominated sisters band Haim — finds herself weirdly charmed by this boy/man. 2:13. 3 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'NIGHTMARE ALLEY': I love the way Guillermo del Toro spends a production budget. The director-fabulist behind "Pan's Labyrinth," "The Shape of Water" and other trance-like stories wants us to feel, and smell, and taste what he does. The worlds he creates on screen are a part of the world around us, as well as a different one, sprung from his imagination, in cahoots with some brilliant designers. "Nightmare Alley" is del Toro's latest exercise in methodical cinematic hypnotism. It's an adaptation of the 1946 William Lindsay Gresham novel. The new film is also in spiritual cahoots with Edmund Goulding's 1947 film version — pretty nervy for the time, but also largely sanitized by the Production Code. That one starred heartthrob Tyrone Power, in a harsh change of pace. Bradley Cooper takes the Power role this time: He plays Stanton Carlisle, ambitious, rootless carnival worker. First Stan cozies up to the phony clairvoyant (Toni Collette), married to a sweet, dissolute "mentalist" (David Strathairn). Another carny, Molly (Rooney Mara), a beacon of uncorruptible sympathy, becomes Stan's next stepping stone, stage partner and wife. She's his way out of the small time, and he's hers. 2:20. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'RED ROCKET': According to "Red Rocket," the latest movie — raunchy, restless, cinematically vital — from writer-director Sean Baker, the oil refinery Gulf Coast town of Texas City, Texas, offers limited options to a guy like Mikey Saber. He's a onetime LA "adult film actor" played by Simon Rex in a ripping performance. By bus, Mikey has returned home, bruised and near-penniless, where his long-estranged wife Lexi (Bree Elrod) lives with her wised-up, chain-smoking mother, Lil (Brenda Deiss). Once he finagles his way back into the house for "a few days," first on the couch and then in Lexi's bed, "Red Rocket" follows this brazen rake's progress as he scrambles to get some money and get back out of town. Mikey, with his shifty exuberance and gift for high-velocity gab, is more like a disaster in fast motion, always. How Mikey launches into a heedless double life in Texas City, lying, cheating, enjoying his temporary good fortunes, gives "Red Rocket" its comic momentum. 2:08. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'SPIDER-MAN: NO WAY HOME': Casting Tom Holland as Peter Parker was one of the sharper decisions to emerge from the ever-present, oxygen-sucking Marvel Cinematic Universe. These movies are designed to never, ever end. Always another intramural sequel or spinoff option. It can get a little wearying, and I say that with the knowledge that, for millions, there is no weariness, only rapture and delight. I'm happy for those people. We all need something. Holland provides the glue and the webbing for the latest Spidey outing "Spider-Man: No Way Home." He's physically nimble, quick-witted with his darting comic timing and an all-around easygoing presence. When the movie treats the mayhem and brutality for real, he's there with the right degree of anguish. Andrew Garfield's Peter Parker typically gave 172% in those scenes; Tobey Maguire, somewhere around 60. "No Way Home" makes those comps easy to judge. Director Jon Watts and screenwriters Chris McKenna and Erik Sommers deliver an extremely busy, generally entertaining venture into the MCU multiverse of alternate timelines, competing versions of the same character and swirling trippiness. If you caught the animated and extremely deft 2018 "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse," you'll get the idea. This film has little of that film's visual invention but a good deal of its verbal wit. 2:28. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

MJ (Zendaya) and Spider-Man (Tom Holland) jump off a bridge in "Spider-Man: No Way Home." **MATT KENNEDY/SONY PICTURES**

'WEST SIDE STORY': Purists can relax, and put their smelling salts away. The vibrant new "West Side Story" hasn't been updated, or relocated. It's still a resident of Upper West Side Manhattan in the late 1950s, in the vicinity of what used to be called Lincoln Square and San Juan Hill. But director Steven Spielberg and screenwriter Tony Kushner have made sharp, often arresting sense of original librettist Arthur Laurents' material, born on Broadway in 1957. Jerome Robbins' dances helped make the Broadway musical a prestige success; the score by Leonard Bernstein and a newcomer named Stephen Sondheim didn't hurt, either. The 1961 movie, dutiful, square and pretty dull as cinema though full of performance felicities, took care of the smash-hit part of the show's reputation. Whatever this new adaptation's popular reception, it's five times the movie the '61 movie was. 2:36. 3 ½ stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Megan Thee Stallion inks Netflix deal

From news services

Megan Thee Stallion has partnered with Netflix to executive produce a new series and other projects in an exclusive first-look deal recently announced. It's the chart-topping rapper's first foray into television production after she previously appeared on NBC's "Good Girls" and was a celebrity judge on HBO's dance competition show "Legendary."

There's no word yet on what her new Netflix productions will entail.

"I've always had a passion for telling creative and entertaining stories, so I'm thrilled about this partnership with Netflix," the "Savage" hitmaker said in a statement. "Venturing into production is the next step in my journey as an entrepreneur, and I can't wait to bring all my ideas to life and for my Hotties to watch."

"Megan is a multi-talented creative force who has consistently made her mark on culture," Tracey Pakosta, Netflix's head of comedy, added in the statement. "She's always growing and evolving as an artist, and we're thrilled that she's making a home at Netflix for this next chapter in her journey."

Megan Thee Stallion, seen Nov. 8, has partnered with Netflix in an exclusive first-look deal. **EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION**

Joe Exotic delaying treatment: The former Oklahoma zookeeper known as "Tiger King" Joe Exotic is delaying prostate cancer treatments until after his resentencing on convictions for a murder-for-hire plot and violating federal wildlife laws, according to a motion filed in federal court.

Federal officials have said Joe Exotic, whose real name is Joseph Maldonado-Passage, will need up to eight weeks of radiation treatments and would be unable to travel during the treatments.

"Postponing radiation treatment until after resentencing would not be detrimental to his health as it is unlikely to affect his prognosis or outcome," according to the document.

"Given the declination of radiation and the ability to postpone it pursuant to his own doctors, Mr. Maldonado does not want his resentencing hearing postponed any longer," and asks for a sentencing date between Jan. 20 and 31.

Maldonado-Passage, who was featured in Netflix's "Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness," was sentenced to 22 years in prison, but a federal appeals court ruled that he should get a shorter prison sentence because the trial court wrongly treated the two convictions separately in calculating his prison term under sentencing guidelines.

Artists join Mitchell tribute: Joni Mitchell will be saluted in song by an all-star lineup that includes James Taylor, Herbie Hancock and Brandi Carlile when the singer-songwriter is honored as the 2022 MusiCares Person of the Year. A prelude to the Grammy Awards, the Jan. 29 event will also include performers Graham Nash, Mickey Guyton, Jon Batiste, Pentatonix, Leon Bridges, Maggie Rogers and Black Pumas. A charitable wing of the Recording Academy, MusiCares provides financial, medical and personal assistance to musicians in need.

Dec. 20 birthdays: Actor Tommy Cole is 80. Drummer Bobby Colomby is 77. Drummer Peter Criss is 76. Illusionist Uri Geller is 75. Musician Alan Parsons is 73. Actor Michael Badalucco is 67. Actor Blanche Baker is 65. Singer Chris Robinson is 55. Actor Nicole de Boer is 51. Actor Jonah Hill is 38. Singer JoJo is 31.

ASK AMY

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This holiday, put 'A Book on Every Bed'

Dear Readers: Every year at Christmastime, I ask readers to put "A Book on Every Bed." I do so in memory of my mother, Jane, whose weekly trips to our town's library always yielded armloads of books. In our household, we went without some things that other families had, but we always had books in abundance.

The idea to put books on beds at Christmastime originally came from historian David McCullough, who recounted the Christmas mornings of his youth, when the very first thing he woke up to was a wrapped book at the base of his bed, left there by Santa. The most important part is what happens next: family members reading together.

Working with my local literacy partner Children's Reading Connection (childrensreadingconnection.org), this campaign has grown to include schools, libraries and booksellers.

This year, I am thrilled that author Jacqueline Woodson (jacquelinewoodson.com) agreed to share a very personal literacy story. Woodson is the winner of, well — all of the awards for her genre-spanning work, including the prestigious Newbery and Caldecott, as well as a MacArthur "Genius" grant (2020). Her books, "Brown Girl Dreaming" and "The Day You Begin" are both very important to the children in my life.

Woodson writes: "The other night, a friend was describing her love for books. She said that love began when she was a child and her dad would bring a pile of books to read to her before she went to sleep.

"As I listened, I imagined what would it have been like to have 'a pile of books' and someone who had the time at the end of the day to read them to me. Or better, to be able to read them to myself.

"The books I had as a child were borrowed from the library or the worn books that had moved through many hands before landing, often in states of disrepair, in my own hands.

"Books were both a necessity and a luxury in my childhood.

"My mother wanted us to read constantly but didn't have the money to buy us 'piles of books.'

"To have a brand-new book to open at night — it's crisp unbroken binding, the scent of its pages, the soft rush of air and excitement that comes with turning them — this is my dream for every child.

"A pile of books begins with one. And like a child, it grows."

To support independent bookstores, which have had to pivot during the pandemic, I'm presenting some recently published books in various categories, selected by some of my favorite booksellers.

From Jill Yoemans, owner of White Whale Bookstore in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvanniam, recommendations for early readers:

■ "Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!," by Kara West and Leeza Hernandez.

■ "I'm On It! (Elephant and Piggie Like Reading!)," by Andrea Tsurumi and Mo Willems.

■ "Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea" (a Narwhal and Jelly Book), by Ben Clanton.

From Lisa Swayze, general manager of Buffalo Street Books in Ithaca, New York:

"The Young Adult category has some of the most diverse, exciting, and revolutionary writing happening today. Buffalo Street Books' No. 1 pick this year is 'This Poison Heart,' by Kalynn Bayron. Once you're entangled in this heart-stopping story, you won't be able to put the book down.

"We also recommend: 'The Firekeeper's Daughter,' by Angeline Boulley, 'We Are Not Broken,' by George M. Johnson, and 'We Are Inevitable,' by Gayle Forman."

From the bookselling staff of Politics and Prose Bookstore in Washington, D.C., recommendations for adult nonfiction:

■ "Crying in H Mart," by Michelle Zauner: The author paints a picture of the pain she endured growing up as the biracial daughter of a Korean mother and an American father.

■ "All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake" by Tiya Miles: Winner of the National Book Award, this historian pieces together the lost lives of a Black American family — through the contents of a flour sack from the 1840s.

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‘Sesame Street’ documentary stays sweetly on the surface

By Karla Peterson
San Diego Union-Tribune

Puppeteers Jim Henson, from left, and Frank Oz are shown with director/writer Jon Stone on the set of “Sesame Street,” which is the subject of “Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street.” **ROBERT FUHRING/SESAME WORKSHOP/HBO**

Hippie puppeteers and cool-headed documentary filmmakers. Pun-loving songwriters and research-happy educational psychologists. Muppets.

The people (and puppets) behind “Sesame Street” were a motley crew of artists, academics and furry critters who united to make one of the most beloved and important series in television history. Sadly, there are no in-depth interviews with Bert, Ernie or Elmo, but you will hear from many of the Very Important Humans who created the show in “Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street,” a new documentary that recently debuted on HBO and is streaming on HBO Max.

Based on Michael Davis’ 2008 book, “Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street,” director Marilyn Agrelo’s documentary chronicles the show’s journey from long shot educational TV dream project to cultural powerhouse through the lively, loving eyes of the people who made this TV miracle happen.

As you might imagine, the “Sesame Street” gang is a smart, passionate bunch. Which is a good thing because Agrelo’s 107-minute film never leaves the TV neighborhood. All of the interviews — new and old — are with the show’s original team members and/or their spouses and children. The show was a global phenomenon, but the documentary keeps it all in the family.

This means we get a lot of time with the late puppeteer Jim Henson and fellow puppeteer Frank Oz, the men who were the voices and bodies behind Bert (Oz) and Ernie (Henson), Kermit the Frog (Henson) and Cookie Monster (Oz). The backstage footage of the puppeteers at work will have you marveling at their multitasking genius and rubbing your neck in chiropractic sympathy.

There are also priceless sections devoted to the late Joe Raposo, the ebullient songwriter behind such classics as “Bein’ Green,” “C is for Cookie” and “Sing”; songwriter Christopher Cerf, who shows how he turned the Beatles’ “Let it Be” into “Letter B”; and head writer Norman Stiles, the man who created the suave and helpful Count von Count.

But for all its generosity toward the “Street” gang, the documentary falters when it comes examining the shadows behind the show’s sunny days.

Agrelo brings up late writer-director Jon Stone’s struggles with depression, but she doesn’t explore what impact they might have had on the show or the cast.

Then there is the departure of the late Matt Robinson, the show’s original Gordon. Robinson left the show after Roosevelt Franklin, the streetwise Muppet character he created and voiced, was sidelined due to complaints about Roosevelt’s slangy language and feisty attitude. Robinson’s wife and children talk about Robinson’s loss of faith in the show he loved, but no one from the “Sesame Street” leadership team ever weighs in.

Whether it is dashing past conflict or allowing the players to pat themselves on the back a few too many times, “Street Gang” does suffer from the absence of outside voices. But the voices we do hear — a celebratory chorus that includes archived musical performances from B.B. King, Odetta, Stevie Wonder and James Taylor, to name just a few — are full of so much unfettered joy, you would have to be sharing a trash-can with Oscar the Grouch to remain unmoved.

“It was a family,” Cerf says. “It is a family.”

And at it’s best, “Street Gang: How We Got to Sesame Street” makes you feel like you have a seat at the happiest table in town.

Where to watch: HBO Max

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Career and money matters are knocking at your door today, but you might be surprised by what they have to say when you let them in. If you think outside of the box, you could find a way to create a new revenue stream.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Change could arrive at any moment today, which might not be your favorite thing, but there are actually plenty of reasons to embrace new ideas. Try to take a different approach to your usual routine — you never know, you could discover a much better way of doing things! Work smarter, not harder.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): There’s a bit of a strange buzz in the heavens today, one that might make you feel like you’re trying to call someone without any cell signal. You could receive some major messages from out of the blue! Any communication right now has huge potential, so don’t ignore anything.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You might find your mind continually returning to other people today, so don’t brush it off or think you’re meant to hide away all by yourself. You may have more fun than you’ve had in ages. A surprise invitation might fly your way, so don’t hesitate to say yes to fun opportunities.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): A busy day is likely in store for you! Even if you have the day off from your career, you can expect some important task to come calling. This time the energy is positive and so the surprises should be so as well! Still, you’d be wise to prepare for anything.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The universe is offering you a fabulous opportunity to enjoy yourself today! Your creativity is giving you plenty of things to explore and many ways to indulge yourself. Take time to experience life in a way that works for you, but don’t forget to try something new along the way. Let the world open up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Hang up the do not disturb sign and let yourself unwind! Step back and take some time for yourself, regardless of what a family member or roommate might want. Draw a friendly line in the sand and let people know you’ll get back to them under more social skies.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People may bring some very interesting information your way today. It could be from a specific person who already plays a pivotal role in your life — so don’t expect this to come from any stranger on the street. This is prime time for a serendipitous moment, so get out there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You’ve probably had money on your mind. Today could bring a very surprising opportunity into your professional life. Anything could happen now. A new client with a lot of money to spend might show up, or you may come up with a great idea. Think big!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Countless ideas may spin through your mind. It’ll be the perfect time to express yourself without reservation. If you’re already involved in the arts then feel free to do something that showcases your talents. As long as you’re doing things your way, you can have fun doing anything.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Things are getting shaken up on your home front at the moment, but that doesn’t have to be a bad thing. If there is anyone — particularly a family member — that you’ve been butting heads with, today could offer you the chance to clear the air and shed old baggage.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Altruism greatly influences today. With winter holidays just around the corner, this is a great time to donate to a toy or clothing drive, even if you’re just getting rid of some old stuff. Try to do something to help someone else without expecting anything in return.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Dec. 20, 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership was transferred.

In 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was released from prison after serving nine months for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners.

In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government.

In 1999, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that homosexual couples were entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded heterosexual couples.

In 2017, Cardinal Bernard Law, disgraced former archbishop, died; his failure to stop child molesters in the priesthood triggered a crisis in American Catholicism.

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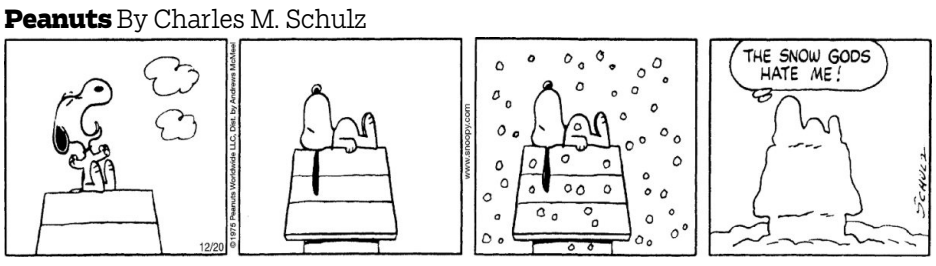

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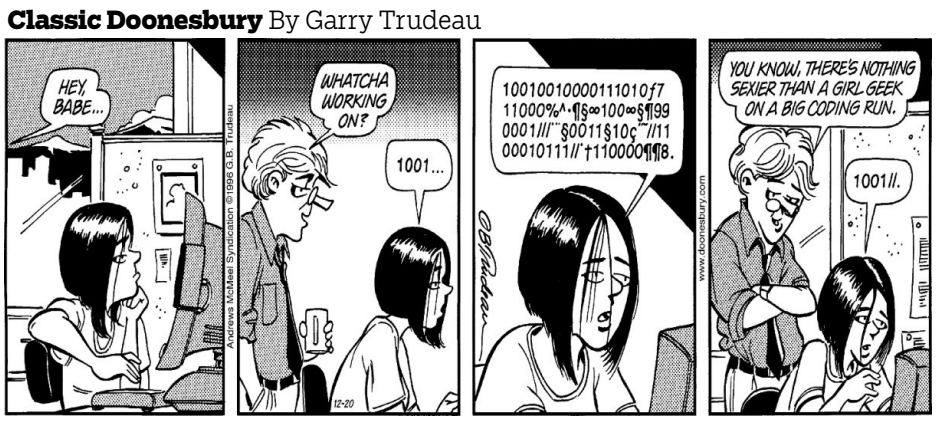

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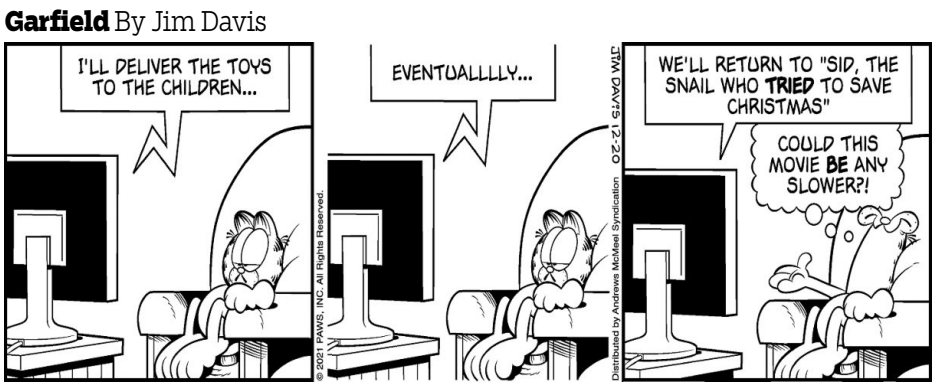
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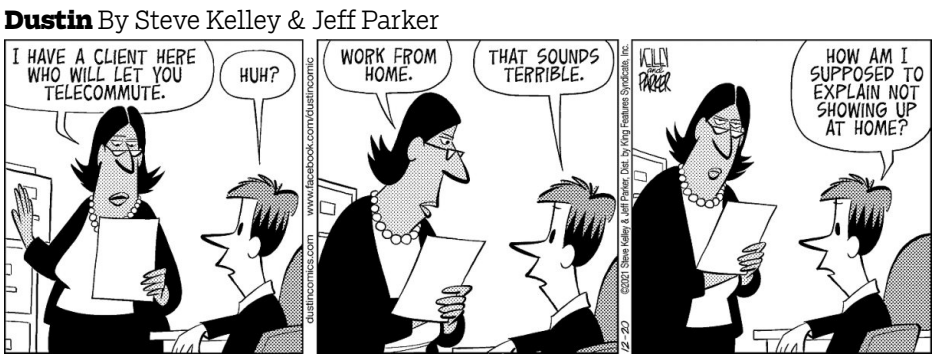
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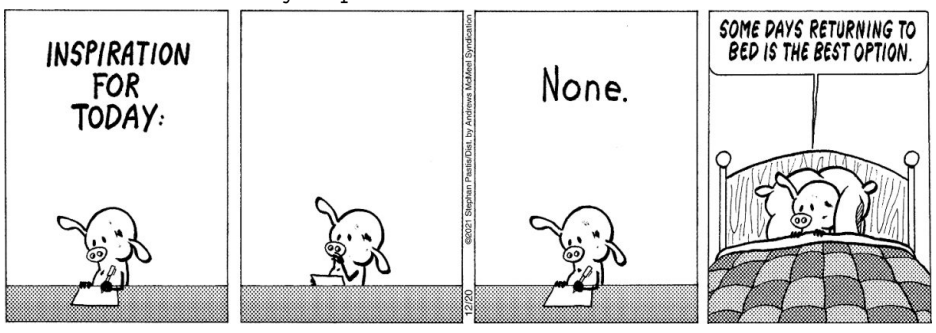
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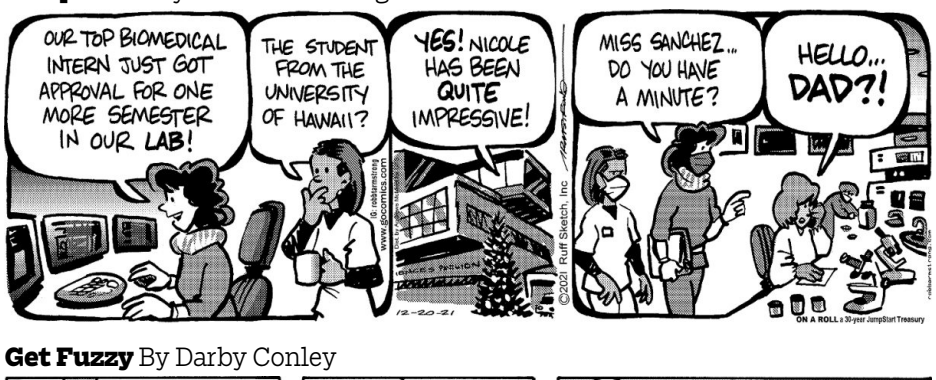
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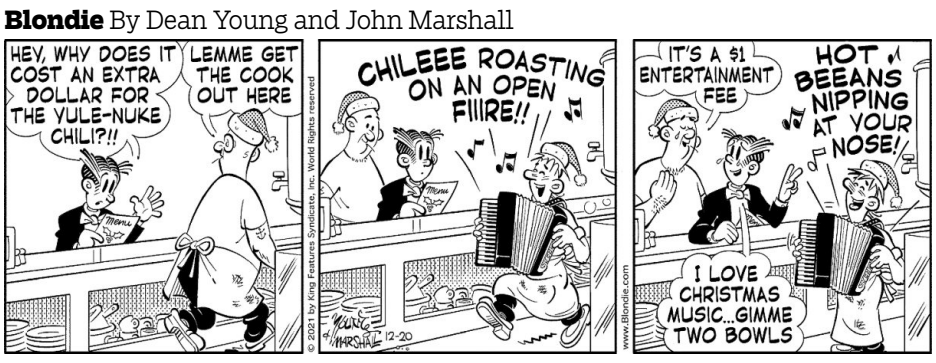
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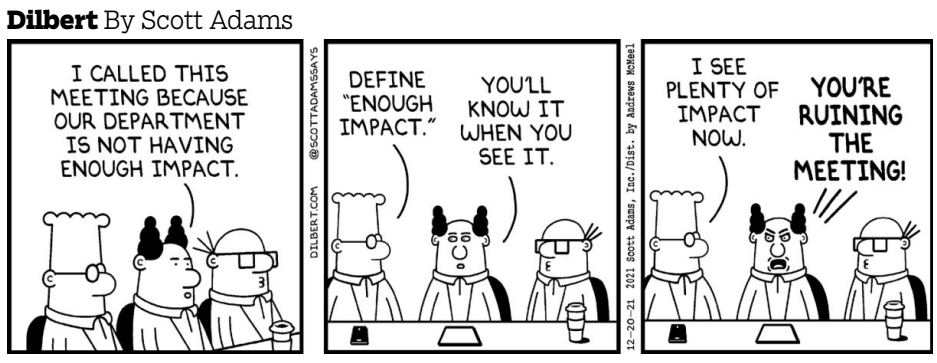
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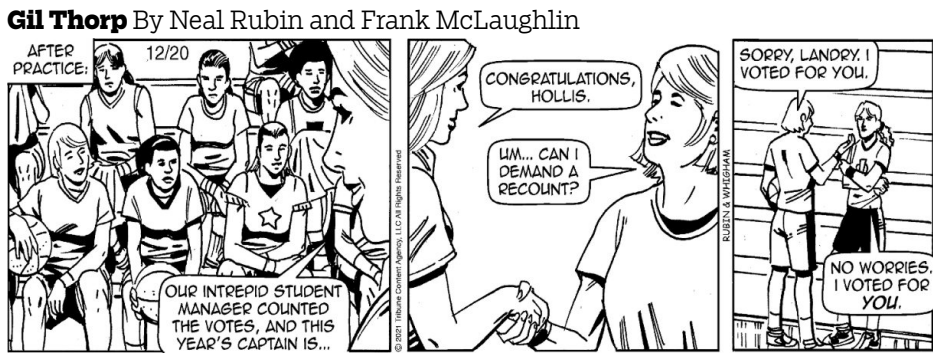
AFTER PRACTICE:
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OUR INTREPID STUDENT MANAGER COUNTED THE VOTES, AND THIS YEAR'S CAPTAIN IS...
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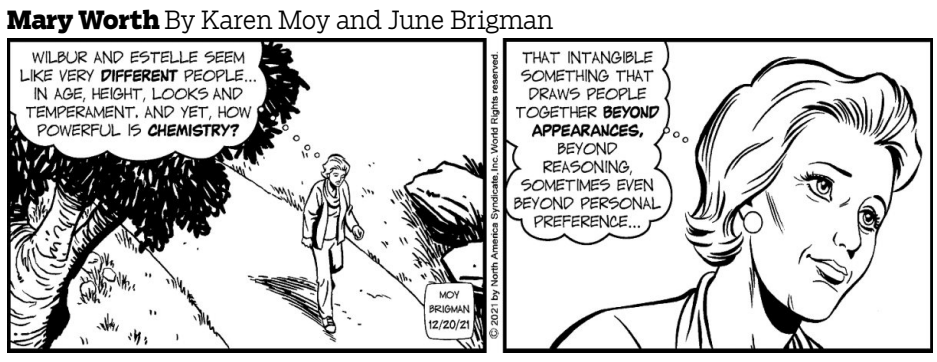
CONGRATULATIONS, HOLLIS.
UM... CAN I DEMAND A RECOUNT?
RUBIN & WHIGHAM
SORRY, LANDRY. I VOTED FOR YOU.
NO WORRIES. I VOTED FOR YOU.

Mary Worth By Karen Moy and June Brigman


WILBUR AND ESTELLE SEEM LIKE VERY DIFFERENT PEOPLE... IN AGE, HEIGHT, LOOKS AND TEMPERAMENT. AND YET, HOW POWERFUL IS CHEMISTRY?
MOY BRIGMAN 12/20/21
THAT INTANGIBLE SOMETHING THAT DRAWS PEOPLE TOGETHER BEYOND APPEARANCES, BEYOND REASONING, SOMETIMES EVEN BEYOND PERSONAL PREFERENCE...
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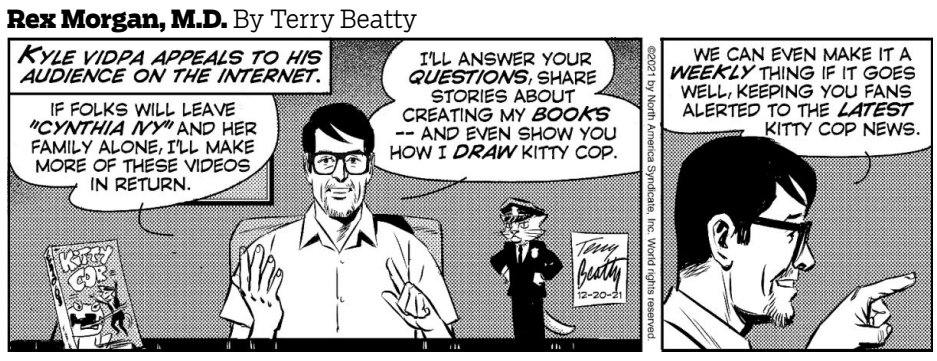
Rex Morgan, M.D. By Terry Beatty


KYLE VIDPA APPEALS TO HIS AUDIENCE ON THE INTERNET.
IF FOLKS WILL LEAVE "CYNTHIA IVY" AND HER FAMILY ALONE, I'LL MAKE MORE OF THESE VIDEOS IN RETURN.
I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, SHARE STORIES ABOUT CREATING MY BOOKS -- AND EVEN SHOW YOU HOW I DRAW KITTY COP.
KITTY COP
Terry Beatty
12-20-21
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WE CAN EVEN MAKE IT A WEEKLY THING IF IT GOES WELL, KEEPING YOU FANS ALERTED TO THE LATEST KITTY COP NEWS.

Judge Parker By Woody Wilson and Mike Manley

AT SPENCER RANCH...
WELL, WE COULD MAKE CHRISTMAS LASAGNA INSTEAD.
OKAY, SO I'M GETTING TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS? DIDN'T WE JUST HAVE TURKEY?
DON'T WE STILL HAVE TURKEY?
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ALL RIGHT, HOW MANY BOXES OF—
SAM! NEDDY! GET IN HERE! QUICK!

Baldo By Cantu and Castellanos

A DOLLAR TIP? NICE.
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NOW I CAN DO ALL MY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.
WHAT A CHEAPSKATE.
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Funky Winkerbean By Tom Batiuk

IT'S NICE THAT WE CAN BRING DAD HOME FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER AGAIN!
BEDSIDE MANOR
funkywinkerbean.com/books
HE'S PROBABLY SITTING IN THE LOBBY ALL PACKED AND WAITING FOR US.
BATIUK ATERS
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HE'S NOT HERE!?
HE LEFT A MESSAGE FOR YOU THAT HE AND THE BAND HAD A GIG TONIGHT.
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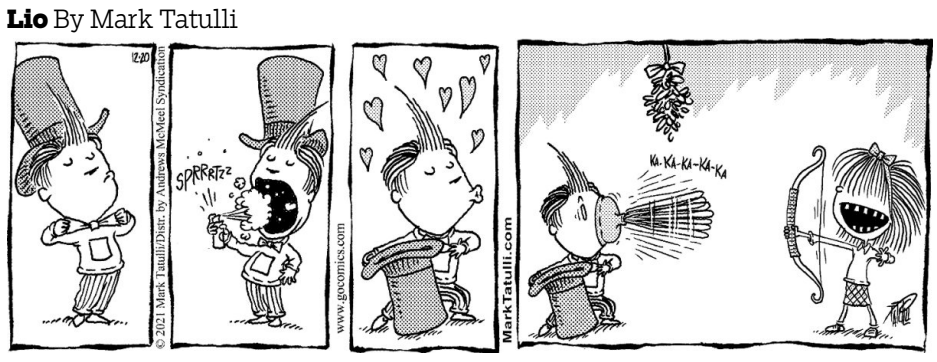
Lio By Mark Tatulli



Wizard Of Id By Johnny Hart and Brant Parker

Rhymes With Orange By Hilary Price

THE ENTREE
Holiday dishes are so over the top.
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I SHOULD'VE GOTTEN IT WITHOUT THE PEAR TREE.
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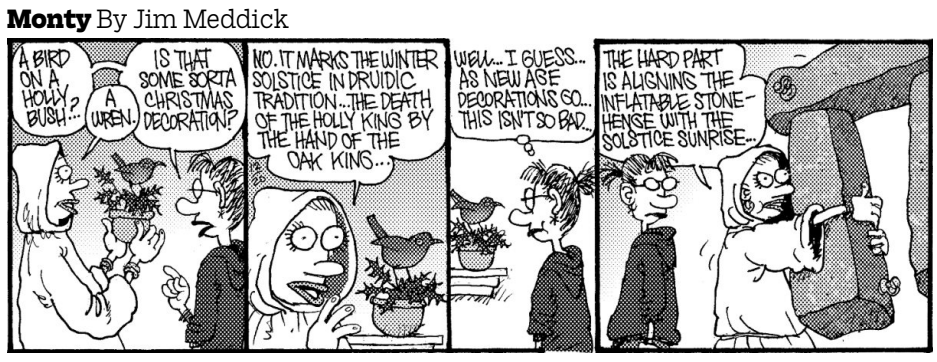
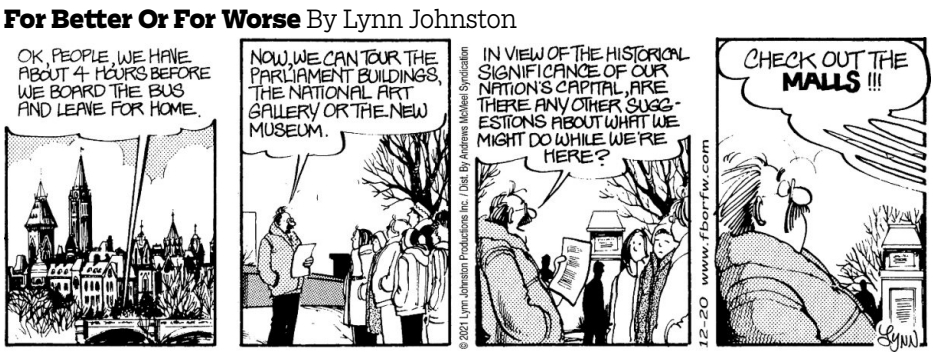
Monty By Jim Meddick


A BIRD ON A HOLLY BUSH...?
A WREN.
IS THAT SOME SORTA CHRISTMAS DECORATION?
NO. IT MARKS THE WINTER SOLSTICE IN DRUIDIC TRADITION...THE DEATH OF THE HOLLY KING BY THE HAND OF THE OAK KING...
WELL... I GUESS... AS NEW AGE DECORATIONS GO... THIS ISN'T SO BAD.
THE HARD PART IS ALIGNING THE INFLATABLE STONE-HENGE WITH THE SOLSTICE SUNRISE...

For Better Or For Worse By Lynn Johnston


OK, PEOPLE, WE HAVE ABOUT 4 HOURS BEFORE WE BOARD THE BUS AND LEAVE FOR HOME.
NOW, WE CAN TOUR THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, THE NATIONAL ART GALLERY OR THE NEW MUSEUM.
IN VIEW OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WE MIGHT DO WHILE WE'RE HERE?
CHECK OUT THE MALLS !!!
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B.C. By Hart

Beetle Bailey by Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

WILL YOU TELL SARGE TO STOP!
WHAT IS HE DOING?
GREG + MORT WALKER
SIGHING, SNIFFING, GRINDING, CURSING, SQUEAKING...
I'LL STOP IF HE STOPS THE WHINING!
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Hi & Lois By Greg and Brian Walker and Chance Browne

ARE YOU THE GREATEST DAD WHO EVER LIVED?
THAT MIGHT BE A BIT OF AN EXAGGERATION.
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HiandLois.com
BUT I AM THE GREATEST DAD WHO LIVES IN THIS HOUSE.
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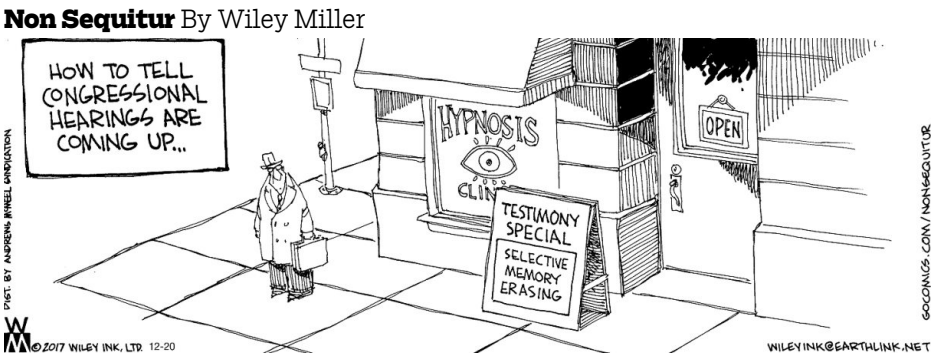
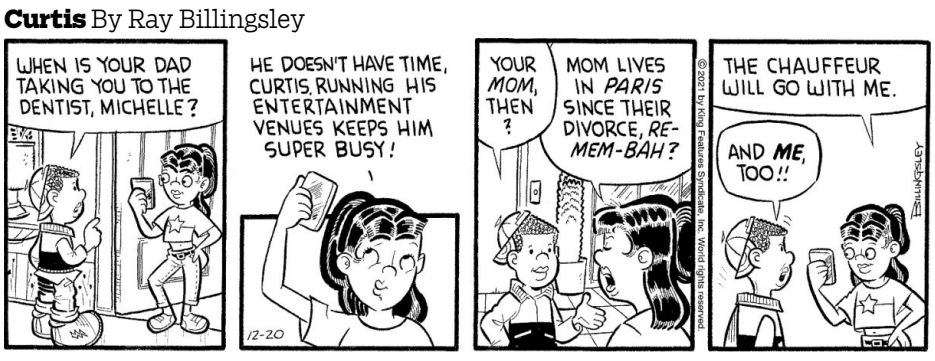
Hagar The Horrible By Chris Browne

Non Sequitur By Wiley Miller



Curtis By Ray Billingsley


WHEN IS YOUR DAD TAKING YOU TO THE DENTIST, MICHELLE?
HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME, CURTIS. RUNNING HIS ENTERTAINMENT VENUES KEEPS HIM SUPER BUSY!
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YOUR MOM, THEN ?
MOM LIVES IN PARIS SINCE THEIR DIVORCE, RE-MEM-BAH?
THE CHAUFFEUR WILL GO WITH ME.
AND ME, TOO!!
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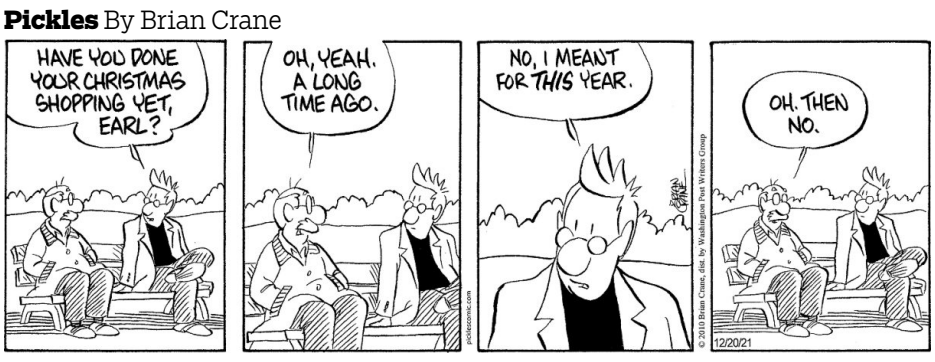
ARGH

Pickles By Brian Crane


HAVE YOU DONE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING YET, EARL?
OH, YEAH. A LONG TIME AGO.
NO, I MEANT FOR THIS YEAR.
OH. THEN NO.
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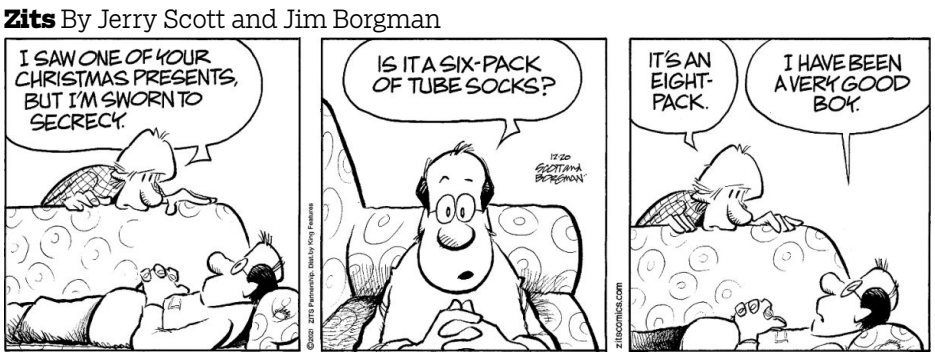
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


I SAW ONE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, BUT I'M SWORN TO SECRECY.
IS IT A SIX-PACK OF TUBE SOCKS?
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IT'S AN EIGHT-PACK.
I HAVE BEEN A VERY GOOD BOY.
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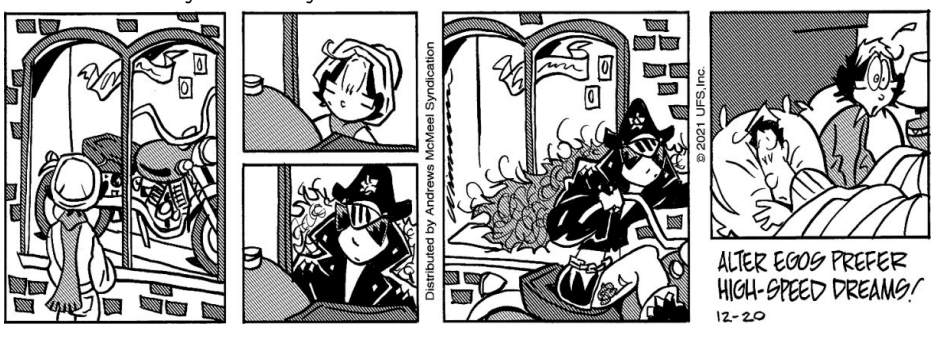
Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady and Don Wimmer



Mother Goose And Grimm By Mike Peters

THIS PEARL NECKLACE HAS BEEN IN MY MOM'S FAMILY FOR YEARS
...IT'S BEEN HANDED DOWN FROM PAWNBROKER TO PAWNBROKER
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CROSSWORD

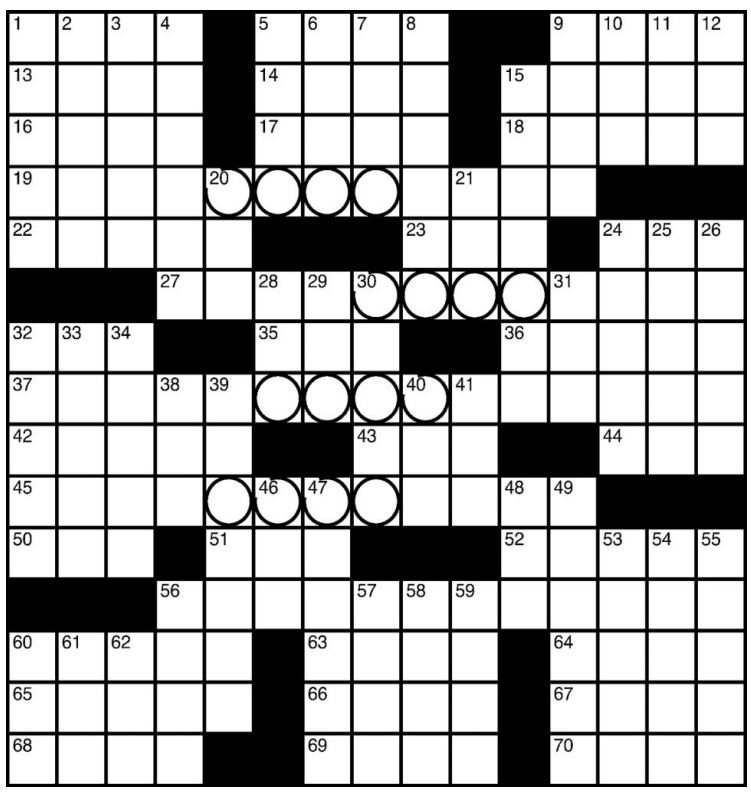
EDITED BY RICH NORRIS AND JOYCE NICHOLS LEWIS

Across

1 Get ready, as for surgery
5 Dada lover?
9 Breathe like a hot dog
13 Trevi Fountain city
14 "Yeah, right!"
15 Stomach woe
16 "In memoriam" bio
17 Shout
18 Caulking need
19 Dome-shaped frozen areas at the two ends of the Earth
22 Distinctive manner of writing, say
23 Sit-__: protests
24 Bro's sibling
27 One in charge of a depot
32 Throw in
35 Zip, in soccer
36 Slow musical movement
37 Cognac, crème de cacao and cream cocktail
42 Swahili's language group
43 1950s prez
44 On the __: sneakily
45 Over an extended period
50 Scratch (out), as a living
51 Smidgen
52 Harbor cities
56 Junior high ... and what each set of circles is?
60 "__ Secretary": Téa Leoni title role
63 Ultra-modest skirt
64 Microsoft browser
65 Banishment
66 Enthusiastic
67 Big jump
68 Came's opposite
69 Basketball Hall of Famer Archibald or Thurmond
70 Share on Facebook, say

Down

1 Yorick's skull in "Hamlet" and the dagger in "Macbeth," e.g.
2 Automaton
3 Poet Dickinson
4 Rose features
5 Polite request
6 "Just __ ... "
7 1,760 yards
8 Merged union: Abbr.
9 In addition to
10 Assume a role
11 Bottom line
12 Give it a go
15 Swedish university city
20 Like a prof. emeritus
21 Columnist Landers
24 Transmits
25 Major chip maker
26 Kid's bedtime request
28 "... have you __ wool?"
29 Andalusian aunt
30 Messin' around, in rap slang
31 With 41-Down, boomer's kid
32 "Steal This Book" author Hoffman
33 Had a beer, say
34 "Divine Comedy" poet
38 Utmost degree
39 Eventually and aptly, after "in"
40 Heart test: Abbr.
41 See 31-Down
46 Young fellow
47 Extra guy who's "out"
48 Scanned bars: Abbr.
49 Of little value
53 Wyoming's state sport
54 Roman wraps
55 Took a nap
56 Brewer's need
57 Etna output
58 Leave the room
59 One of a cube's six
60 Kitty's sound
61 Lumberjack tool
62 Terrible racket



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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 5
♥ 10 7 4 2
♦ A 9 6 3
♣ K 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 4 2
♥ 3
♦ Q 8 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 2

EAST
♠ A K
♥ K J 9 8 6
♦ 10 2
♣ J 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K J 7
♣ A Q

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♥	Dble	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 NT

Opening lead — two of clubs.

Famous hand

In my opinion, this is one of the most remarkable deals ever played.

The declarer was Helen Sobel, considered by many to be the greatest woman player of all time. She won the club lead in her hand with the ace and then proceeded to deduce that East had been dealt the doubleton A-K of spades! Accordingly, she led a low spade from her hand at trick two and eventually finished with 11 tricks.

The question is how Sobel could tell at trick one that East's A-K of spades could be driven out without wasting her high spades or using up valuable entries to dummy for spade leads toward the Q-J.

When the logic of her low spade play at trick two is examined, it is found to be eminently sound. Since only 14 high-card points were missing, East had to have the A-K of spades and king of hearts for his opening bid.

Next, it was also reasonable to suppose that West did not have two hearts, or he surely would have led his partner's suit in preference to his own, which was at best 10-x-x-x. Therefore, West had either a singleton heart or a void!

But West could not be void. If he were, he would have a five-card suit, in which case he presumably would have led that suit in preference to a four-card suit (as indicated by West's deuce lead). Hence, West had precisely one heart. The inevitable consequence of this conclusion was that West's distribution was 4-4-4-1.

Since West was thus marked with four spades, it followed that East had exactly two, and that they were the doubleton A-K! To cross to dummy with a club or a diamond — which would either cost a trick or use up dummy's last entry — was therefore pointless. So Sobel led a low spade at trick two and wound up making more tricks on the deal than anyone else.

Tomorrow: The right play at the right time.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CWLNO

TAAEB

HXAEEL

ZENSEE

So you'll put your information in each of the rows. That's how you'll organize everything.
This is great! Thanks for letting me use your program.
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SHE WAS LEARNING TO USE MICROSOFT'S SPREADSHEET PROGRAM AND THOUGHT IT WAS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SKIER YAHOO LOOSEN PERMIT
Answer: He thought he could pick up the heavy box by himself but was — SORELY MISTAKEN

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TODAY'S SUDOKU

		2			7			1
	6							
	5			1	8		7	
		6					2	
8	7			2			4	5
	2					9		
	1		7	4	6		3	
							9	
5			2			1		

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

9	4	5	3	8	1	2	6	7
7	6	2	4	9	5	1	3	8
8	3	1	7	6	2	4	9	5
6	1	8	5	2	4	3	7	9
3	2	4	8	7	9	6	5	1
5	7	9	1	3	6	8	4	2
2	8	6	9	4	7	5	1	3
1	9	3	6	5	8	7	2	4
4	5	7	2	1	3	9	8	6

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

S	A	L	A	D	B	A	R	S	■	P	A	P	P	A
I	V	E	N	O	I	D	E	A	■	A	V	A	I	L
G	O	O	D	S	T	U	F	F	■	L	I	S	Z	T
M	I	N	■	■	S	E	S	E	■	M	A	T	Z	O
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■	C	U	T	T	O	T	H	E	C	H	A	S	E	■
H	O	M	E	S	W	E	E	T	H	O	M	E	■	■
E	P	P	S	■	E	V	E	■	A	P	E	■	■	■
R	A	T	■	D	D	E	■	■	■	E	R	O	D	E
S	P	R	E	E	■	R	A	S	A	■	■	L	O	W
E	L	U	D	E	■	E	X	T	R	A	M	I	L	E
L	E	C	I	D	■	S	L	E	E	P	O	V	E	R
F	A	K	E	S	■	T	E	N	S	P	E	E	D	S

ZIPPY
ZIPPY BELIEVES THAT CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE. HE HAS HIGH HOPES FOR THE KIDS OF TODAY, EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND MUCH ABOUT TRAINED FLEAS..
THESE FLEAS ARE TH' REAL DEAL, TIMMY... YOU-TUBE & TEXT MESSAGING WON'T PAY TH' BILLS!
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GRIFFY
"ADULTS ONLY"
PICNICS EMPHASIZING LIVELY DISCUSSIONS OF RECENT CELEBRITY SCANDALS KEEP ZIPPY & HIS FRIENDS ACTIVE & VITAL...
I SEE WHERE TOM CRUISE SHOT HIMSELF IN TH' TUCHIS AGAIN!
HA, HA!
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THERE'S A LOT WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS INSPIRING EXAMPLE, DON'T YOU THINK?
I KNOW THINGS ABOUT STUFF!!
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BONUS PUZZLE PAGE

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SUDOKU

	4		8					
		5		4		2		
		2				3	4	
	2	7				6	1	
				3				
	1	8			6	4	7	
	9	3				1		
		4		5		8		
					7		2	

Level: 1 2 3 4

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4	2	9	7	1	3	6	5	8
6	3	8	2	5	9	4	7	1
7	5	1	8	6	4	3	9	2
3	7	4	9	6	2	8	1	5
2	8	5	1	3	7	9	6	4
9	1	6	4	8	5	7	2	3
1	4	3	5	7	6	2	8	9
8	6	2	9	4	1	5	3	7
5	9	7	3	2	8	1	4	6

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BOGGLE

Boggle® BrainBusters!™ By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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E L K U

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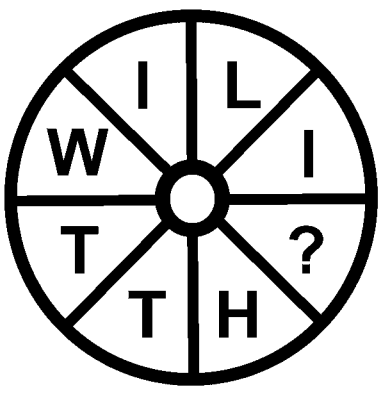
WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

TWILIGHT

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: wired world 243

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

N E S T I N G C O O K I E T S A P Y
J P A C K E T D B R O W S E R U O R
Y R E U Q S R P P P M F R I P P H O
D B S C P O P S X L W F I I C V T
M O H P W L I A M E K S P I D E R S
L K W S O I F H M H E M O R F S R I
H R S N H N T S O P Y N S I K I P H
Y A A M L K S G Z N S Y U H E X I U
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R O R A H K D E S M C V R O A L L I
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E B S N N S N Z L E E X E C D D S E
X G S I G C I W O T I T H T S O O C
T M E D O M L A F X J A V A S M H T
S C R O L L N O H E E H C A C A T O
S S E T I R O V A F Y C M N N I X R
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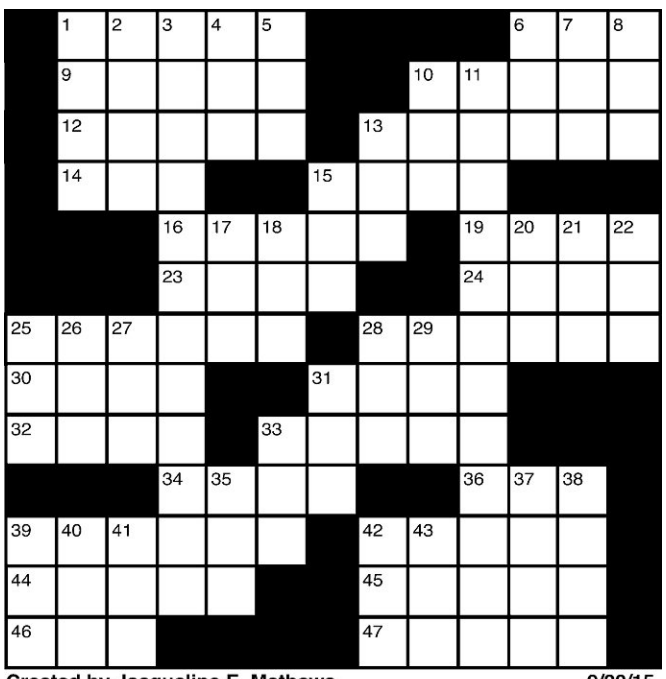

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ACROSS
1 “Wheel of Fortune” purchase
6 “__ Always Sunny in Philadelphia”
9 Take __; disassemble
10 Actor Cibrian
12 Frasier’s brother
13 “__: You’re the One That I Want!”
14 Snakelike fish
15 Parsley, sage, rosemary or thyme
16 Head of a monastery
19 Split; fissure
23 Talon
24 “Don’t have __, man!”; comment from Bart Simpson
25 Former talk show host Dick
28 “Candid __”
30 Gregory Peck’s role in “Moby Dick”
31 Actress Winningham
32 Intl. military alliance
33 Mulgrew and Winslet
34 Martin or Cain
36 Henry Zebrowski’s “A to Z” role
39 “The Sonny and Cher __ Hour”
42 Couples
44 Ladd and Thicke
45 Actress Moorehead
46 Susan of “L.A. Law”
47 Late movie critic Ebert

DOWN
1 Weathercock
2 Mayberry resident
3 Eamonn Walker’s role on “Chicago Fire”
4 Before, to a poet
5 Titles for Columbo and others: abbr.
6 Ms. Lupino
7 “...__ the season to be jolly...”
8 “Now You __ Me”; Jesse Eisenberg thriller
10 Goof up
11 “The Mysteries of Laura” actress
13 “How to __ Away with Murder”
15 “__ I Met Your Mother”
17 Sandwich choice, for short
18 “__ Masterson”
20 __-T; “Law & Order: SVU” actor
21 “Grounded __ Life”
22 Defunct airline
25 “Catch Me If You __”; Leonardo DiCaprio movie
26 Cry of discovery
27 Large tub
28 “__ on a Hot Tin Roof”
29 “Car 54, Where __ You?”
31 “A Gifted __”
33 Actress __ Panabaker
35 Bradley and Begley
37 “One __ Hill”
38 “Back in the __”; Beatles song
39 Inconsiderate jerk
40 “Grand __ Opry”
41 Melinda __; role on “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.”
42 __ for the course; normal
43 Not long __; recently

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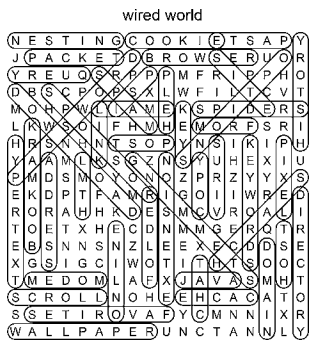

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JUMBLE

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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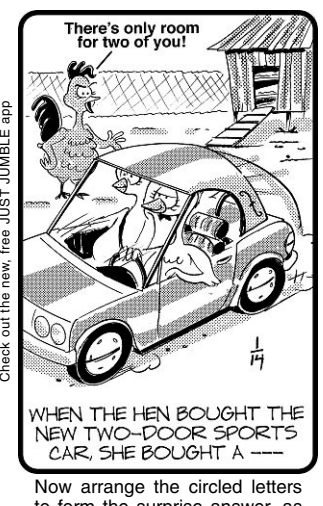

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“ ”

Jumbles: PICKY HONEY CACTUS REDUCE
Answer: When the hen bought the new two-door sports car, she bought a — CHICKEN “COUPE”

ARROW WORDS

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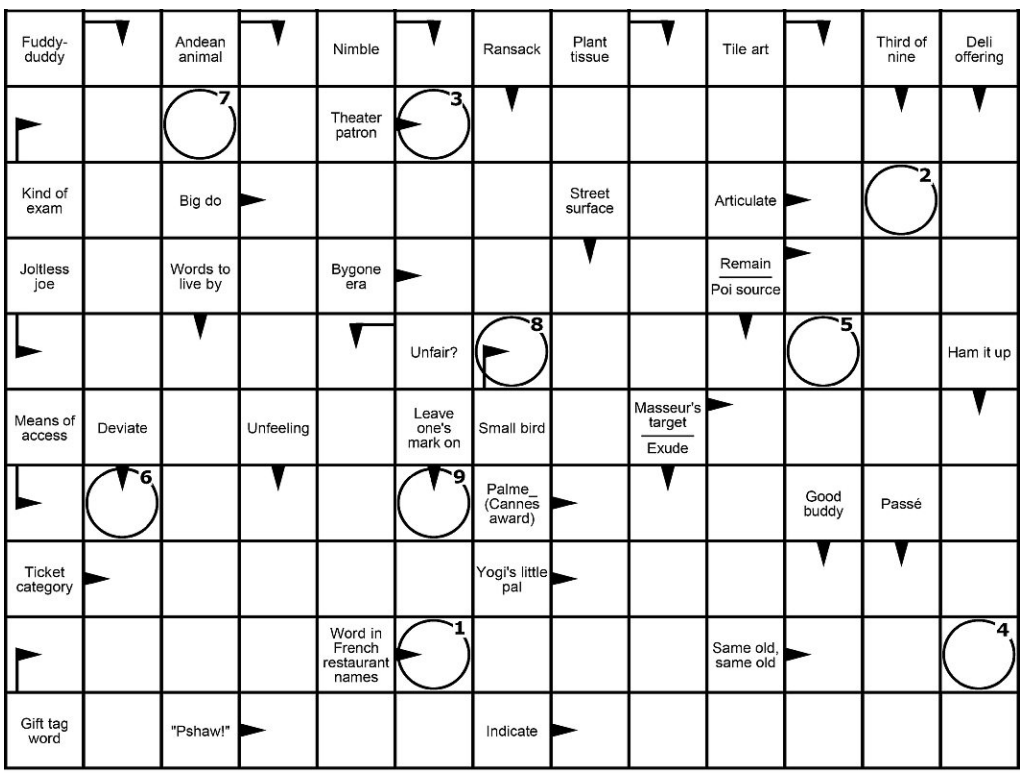

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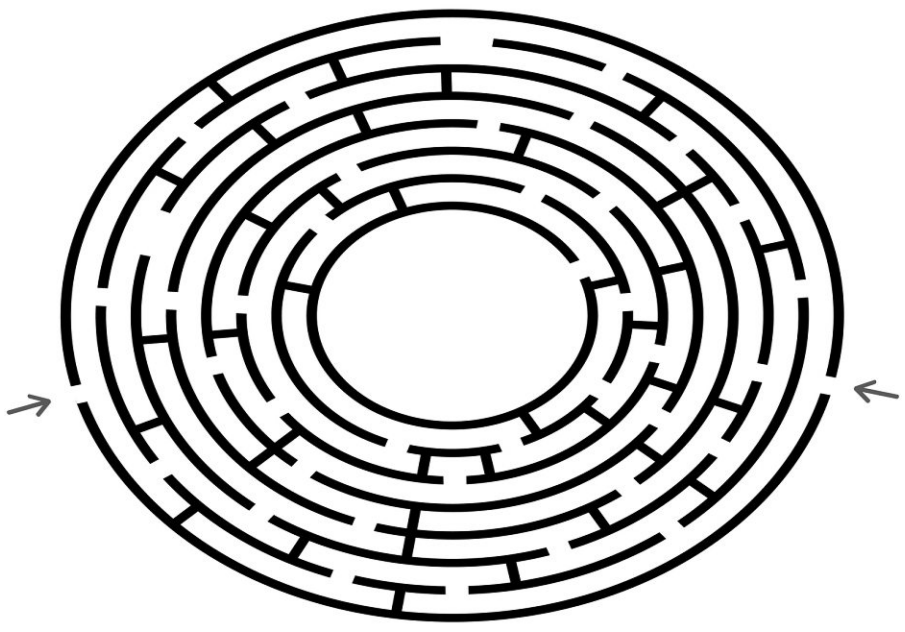

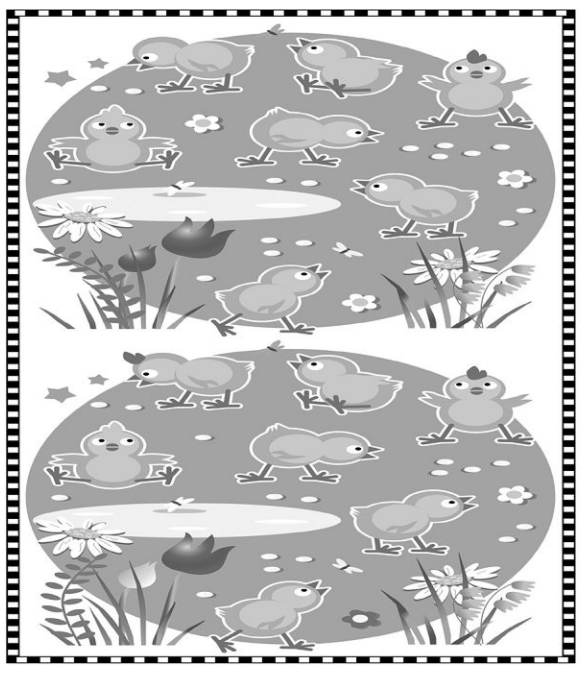

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Plenty to learn in loss to Providence

Big East opener provides some lessons for Huskies

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

Bad games are learning experiences.

For the UConn men's basketball team (9-3, 0-1), there is plenty to learn from Saturday's 57-53 loss to Providence (11-1, 1-0) in the Big East opener for both teams in front of a sellout crowd at the XL Center.

Senior guard Tyrese Martin, who returned to the starting lineup after a four-game absence due to a wrist injury, was one of the few bright spots in the game. His high-flying presence and offensive ability were sorely missed on this UConn team as he finished with 15 points and five rebounds. Sophomore Adama Sanogo (abdominal strain) was a game-time decision but ultimately missed his fourth straight game.

UConn has only lost by a combined 11 points in its three losses to Michigan State, West Virginia and Providence, but its inconsistency on the offensive end, mistakes in clutch situations and poor shooting have been its undoing.

As UConn plays its final 19 regular-season games against Big East opponents, here's what we've learned from the Huskies' conference opener:

UConn veterans need to step up offensively

The Huskies shot an awful 19-for-61 (31.1%) against Providence, and it was UConn's veterans who really faltered. With Sanogo out, this offense doesn't have a lot of rhythm besides on the fast break. The Huskies don't make things easy on themselves with blown layups and out of control shots, which were on full display Saturday.

Nothing on the offensive end is particularly pretty without

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Providence's A.J. Reeves shoots over UConn's Isaiah Whaley, left, and Tyrese Martin in the second half of Saturday's game in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

UCONN FOOTBALL

Jim Mora, Huskies finding talent

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

As Jim Mora revealed his first group of recruits at UConn last week, the list included five players from Connecticut, four from the state's prep schools.

The latter was a talent source with which Mora said he was unfamiliar, but he likes what he sees as a way to find college-ready players close to his Storrs base.

"I had not been exposed to a lot of young men from prep schools," Mora said. "But it's a great avenue for these players to develop as players, as men. A lot of these guys had Ivy League aspirations, so you know you're getting somebody academically motivated who has had a year of development and their [eligibility] clock hasn't started."

Offensive lineman Brady Wayburn, tight end Denzel Mountali and defensive back Derek Spearman, all from New England Class A champion Loomis Chaffee in Windsor, and offensive lineman Ben Murawski from St. Thomas More in Oakdale, figure to be just the first drops from a pipeline of improving talent.

"New England football, in general, has gotten drastically better in the last decade," said Loomis Chaffee football coach Jeff Moore, who is leaving for a job on Don Brown's new staff at UMass. "It's not even close. Part of it is due to prep schools, part of it is just football getting better in the Northeast, more accessible, programs are doing more every year."

It's a talent base that hasn't been lost others. Michigan has 16 players on its current roster from New England schools, most of them from prep schools. During his whirlwind first weeks on the job, Mora reached out and visited numerous schools in the area to get a feel.

"Coach Mora brought a lot of energy when he visited our school," said Jon Wholley, a former UConn assistant now coaching at Avon Old Farms. "He talked with our kids and with me. He reached out within the first couple of days and wanted to get my perspective. The people he's hired, I was very excited."

Cheshire Academy football coach David Dykeman, who is leaving the school after 10 years

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NO. 6 LOUISVILLE 69, NO. 7 UCONN 64

UConn freshman Caroline Ducharme is pressured by Louisville's Hailey Van Lith in the Hall of Fame Women's Showcase at Mohegan Sun Arena. Ducharme scored 13 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter, but the Huskies couldn't hold on. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Ducharme surges late but falls short

Freshman's 13 points in 4th quarter not enough for Huskies

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — The improvement between the No. 7 UConn women's basketball team's loss to Georgia Tech 10 days ago and Sunday's battle versus No. 6 Louisville was evident: Against a gritty top-10 Cardinals squad known for its defensive prowess, the shorthanded Huskies led 26 minutes of the game, had answers for each of Louisville's runs and held a three-point lead entering the decisive fourth-quarter.

But like they have in each of their previous losses this season, the Huskies couldn't make shots when they needed to most: Freshman Caroline Ducharme's 13 fourth-quarter points kept UConn afloat, but the rest of the team combined for 3-for-13 shooting that frame on its way to a 69-64 loss to Louisville in the Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase at Mohegan Sun Arena.

With their second loss in three games since losing point guards Paige Bueckers (knee) and Nika Mühl (foot) to injury, the Huskies fall to 6-3 on the season. They most recently lost three regular season games in 2019-20, but the last time they lost that many before the New Year? 2004.

"I think they just hit the shots that they needed to hit," said Ducharme, whose career-high 24 points and eight rebounds were a bright spot Sunday. "We were battling all game. I don't think [UConn lost] because of how many people we had. We had enough."

Behind another strong outing from graduate transfer Dorka Juhász (15 points, eight rebounds), the Huskies dominated the paint

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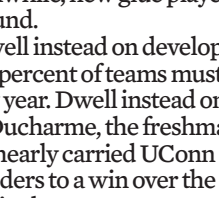
COMMENTARY

UConn adjusts to a new normal

And Caroline Ducharme probably holds the key



Dom Amore

UNCASVILLE — This is new reality, new normal for the UConn women's basketball team. What used to come easily will now be hard. What used to be hard may not come at all.

So forget the win-loss record for now. Don't dwell on the double-digit win that might've been Sunday at Mohegan Sun Arena if all were right with their world.

"We know what the reality is," coach Geno Auriemma said after the Huskies lost to Louisville 69-64 in the Hall of Fame's Women's Showcase. "We know what we're dealing with. We show up and play as hard as we can for as long as we can and hope that it's enough. ... This isn't a one-week thing or a one-month thing. This is a season-long thing."

The reality is UConn will not get its best player, Paige Bueckers, back from knee surgery until well into February, while others, Azzi Fudd, Aubrey Griffin and Nika Muhl, could be back sooner. Meanwhile, new glue players must be found.

Dwell instead on development, as 99 percent of teams must do every year. Dwell instead on Caroline Ducharme, the freshman who nearly carried UConn on her shoulders to a win over the No. 6 team in the country.

Ducharme scored 24 points, beating her previous high by 10. She scored 20 in the second half, producing two personal spurts to propel UConn into the lead, a breakout performance that opponents will remember when they have to deal with Ducharme as part of a full UConn cast.

"Caroline played a great game today," Louisville coach Jeff Walz said. "I thought she was absolutely fantastic. She willed herself to some buckets and was stronger than we were at times."

What Ducharme could not do was will the Huskies to a victory

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Did you know?

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SPORTS

UP NEXT
Patriots: Bills, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: at Eagles, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Jaguars, Sunday, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: at Marquette, Tuesday, 9 p.m.; at Xavier, Dec. 28, 7 p.m.; Butler (XL), Jan. 1, 4 p.m.
UConn WBB: Marquette (XL), Dec. 29, 7 p.m.; at DePaul, Dec. 31, 2 p.m.; at Georgetown, Jan. 5, 7 p.m.
Celtics: 76ers, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Cavaliers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Bucks, Saturday, 2:30 p.m.
Knicks: Pistons, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wizards, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Hawks, Saturday, noon
Nets: at Trail Blazers, Thursday, 10 p.m.; at Lakers, Saturday, 8 p.m.; at Clippers, Dec. 26, 10:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Harvard, Jan. 2, 7 p.m.; at Boston Coll., Jan. 8, 4 p.m.; Boston Univ., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Penguins, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; at Senators, Dec. 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sabres, Jan. 1, 1 p.m.
Rangers: Canadiens, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Red Wings, Dec. 27, 7 p.m.; at Panthers, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Bridgeport, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Dec. 29, 7 p.m.; Providence, Dec. 31, 3 p.m.

TV/RADIO
BASKETBALL
2 p.m.: G League Winter Showcase Westchester vs Texas. (Live) NBA
3 p.m.: G League Winter Showcase Long Island vs Santa Cruz. (Live) ESPNU
6 p.m.: G League Winter Showcase Grand Rapids vs Birmingham. (Live) ESPNEWS
7:30 p.m.: 76ers at Celtics. (Live) NBCSB NBA
8 p.m.: Western Michigan at Notre Dame. (Live) ACC
9 p.m.: G League Winter Showcase Austin vs G League Ignite. (Live) ESPN2
11:30 p.m.: G League Winter Showcase Memphis vs Greensboro. (Live) NBA
FOOTBALL
2:30 p.m.: Myrtle Beach Bowl ODU vs. Tulsa. (Live) ESPN
5 p.m.: Raiders at Browns. (Live) NFL
8 p.m.: Vikings at Bears. (Live) ABC ESPN
HOCKEY
8 p.m.: IIHF Women's My Why Tour USA vs. Canada. (Live) NBCSN

WOLF PACK

Hartford rallies from 3 down for win

Staff report

The Hartford Wolf Pack found themselves trailing by three goals Sunday afternoon at the XL Center in Hartford but stormed back to force overtime and stun the Springfield Thunderbirds 4-3 in a shootout.

Tim Gettinger played the role of hero for the third time this season in the shootout, scoring in the bottom half of the third round.

Things did not start well for the Wolf Pack. Sam Anas opened the scoring with his fifth goal of the season 13:41 into the game. Anas broke into the Wolf Pack zone on a two-on-one with Hugh McGing and snapped the shot by Keith Kinkaid.

Springfield extended the lead 1:45 into the middle period as Keean Washkurak scored his sixth goal of the season. Nolan Stevens made it 3-0 at 10:52, deflecting an Anas shot home on the power play for his third goal of the season.

Late in the second, Tim Gettinger blasted a shot by Colten Ellis for his eighth goal of the season for Hartford.

The Wolf Pack pushed hard in the third period, firing 14 shots on Ellis. Hunter Skinner cut the deficit to 3-2 7:47 into the period, firing a one-timer from the blueline that grazed the glove of Ellis. The Pack tied it at 19:26, as the puck grazed the stick of Anthony Greco and popped to Jonny Brodzinski in the slot. Brodzinski fired a shot into traffic that beat Ellis to force overtime.

Both sides had chances in overtime, but both Ellis and Kinkaid stood their ground to push the game to the shootout. There, Kinkaid stopped all three shooters he faced, while Gettinger buried the winner.

NETS

Games postponed amid outbreak

Nuggets, Wizards matchups held off due to COVID-19

By Kristian Winfield
New York Daily News

The Brooklyn Nets' Sunday matchup against the Denver Nuggets and Tuesday matchup against the Washington Wizards have been postponed due to the latest wave of COVID-19 cases affecting the NBA, the league announced Sunday.

The league also postponed the following other games: Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Atlanta Hawks and New Orleans Pelicans vs. Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday, and Toronto Raptors vs. Orlando Magic on Monday.

The Nets have 10 players in the NBA's health and safety protocols (these players have either returned a positive or inconclusive COVID-19 test): Kevin Durant, James Harden, Kyrie Irving, LaMarcus Aldridge, Paul Millsap, DeAndre' Bembry, Bruce Brown, James Johnson, Jevon Carter and rookie Day'Ron Sharpe. Nets coach Steve Nash has also said a number of both staff members and assistant coaches have entered the health and safety protocols, as well.

The minimum number of players required to participate in a game is eight, leaving just Patty Mills and Blake Griffin as the only veteran players who started the season with the Nets available on the roster. Rookies Cam Thomas, David Duke Jr. and Kessler Edwards are also available, and the Nets signed three free agents to 10-day contracts using hardship exceptions: Langston Galloway, Shaquille Harrison and James Ennis.

The Nets already played three games severely shorthanded. They played without half their regular roster since Dec. 14, when Durant posted a 34-point triple-double to lead an eight-man roster to a win over the Raptors. On Dec. 16, Durant scored another 34 points to lead just nine players to a win over the 76ers. Then two days later, Durant entered the health and safety protocols, and a team led by just Mills and Griffin lost to the Orlando Magic. Mills was supposed to rest on Saturday but had to play if the Nets were going to meet the minimum requirement for available players.

Other notable players with ties to the Nets also in the COVID-19 protocols include ex-Nets big man Jarrett Allen, who entered the protocols in the middle of his breakout season for the Cavaliers. Allen is on track to become a first-time All-Star in Cleveland, where he's averaged 17 points, 11 rebounds and 1.5 blocks for the Cavaliers (19-12), who rank third in the Eastern Conference.

Prior to Dec. 14, no more than five NBA players entered the health and safety protocols in a single day. Since that date, the league put 64 players in the health and safety protocols. The influx of players affected by COVID-19 comes at the same time a surge in cases — possibly stemming from the new, feared to be more transmissible, omicron variant of the virus — has occurred in the Big Apple and around the world.

Forward Kevin Durant is among 10 Nets players in the NBA's health and safety protocols amid a COVID-19 surge around the league. **JESSIE ALCHEH/AP**

It remains unclear whether the NBA will allow this wave of the virus to impact its plans for Christmas Day: The Nets are still set to play the Lakers; the Knicks are scheduled to host the Hawks; the Warriors will travel to Phoenix to play the Suns; the Celtics will take on the Bucks and the Mavericks will face the Jazz.

NHL

Harsh realities surround Olympic dreams for NHL players

By Kevin Paul Dupont
Boston Globe

The scores of NHL players with designs on heading to Beijing in February to play in the Olympics have been getting a clearer sense of the protracted, miserable ride that could await them, particularly if the searing flame of COVID-19 keeps burning these next eight to 10 weeks.

On the surface, sure, who wouldn't want to play in the Olympics?

"As athletes, you want to face the best," said Bruins captain Patrice Bergeron, who recently moved to the sidelines, pinched by the NHL's COVID-19 protocols.

As the weekend approached, all the concerned parties, particularly the Players Association, continued to hammer through some of the significant concerns. Chief among them: What happens in the unfortunate circumstance that an NHLer tests COVID-positive?

Popping positive would mean pulling out of the tournament on the other side of the world. Bad enough. Heartbreaking.

Potentially far worse, though, would be the prospect of having to remain in China, isolated, for days, if not weeks, after the Games are wrapped and fellow NHLers have returned to their teams.

What would be the level of medical care available for an athlete left behind, one who could be exhibiting severe symptoms? Also, what of his NHL paycheck for the games he would be forced to miss, not only while still quarantined in China, but after he returns, with time needed to ramp up strength and conditioning?

The NHLPA, NHL, IOC and a variety of Chinese officials will continue to chew on that through the holidays.

Asked about some of the myriad issues last week, Oilers star forward Connor McDavid acknowledged he found some of it to be "unsettling."

"I would assume every athlete's in that boat," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy acknowledged Friday. "Whether you are a skier or a hockey player — you know, quarantining in a foreign country for X amount of time, with a foreign government controlling when you could leave, would [give] any player, athlete, or support staff legitimate concerns. I hope they get squared away in the near future. I think everybody wants to participate, if they can go in a healthy environment."

Of course, the NHL could take it out of the players' hands. All of the COVID-19 disruptions may lead to NHL players staying home instead of participating in the Winter Games. The league has said players can compete in Beijing unless the coronavirus becomes a problem.

The league has until Jan. 10 to opt out of the Winter Games without financial penalty, but it retains the right to cancel its plans up until players are scheduled to travel to Beijing.

The NHL and NHLPA said it will announce a final decision in the coming days.

Stay tuned.

An Associated Press report is included in this story.

Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy understands what NHL players are facing as the Olympics approach. "Whether you are a skier or a hockey player — you know, quarantining in a foreign country for X amount of time, with a foreign government controlling when you could leave, would [give] any player, athlete or support staff legitimate concerns." **COREY SIPKIN/AP**

OLYMPICS

Suffield native finishes sixth at latest luge World Cup race

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Emily Sweeney, who grew up in Suffield, finished sixth at the luge World Cup in Igls, Austria, on Sunday. Sweeney, a 2018 Olympian, is the only U.S. woman to achieve Tier A status to qualify for the U.S. Olympic team after a fifth-place World Cup finish a week earlier in Germany.

The U.S. Olympic luge team will be announced in mid-January.

Another local, Hannah Soar, of Somers, announced Saturday on Instagram that she made the U.S. Olympic team for moguls skiing.

"I'm honestly in awe that I'm even saying this, but I have officially qualified for the 2022 Winter Olympic Games in Beijing this February," Soar said in the post.

"I wouldn't be sitting at the bottom of the World Cup course in France making a Nutella sandwich or headed to China in February if it wasn't for so many people that have supported me along the way. From my soccer teams back in Connecticut that let me play even though they knew I would be missing games/practices for skiing, teachers who had to deal with a kid who sometimes missed more days then attended, my @killingtonmtn and @killingtonmountainschool family who have without a doubt shaped me into the person I am today, my amazing sponsors that have believed in my dreams, and my @usskiteam teammates, coaches, and staff that have pushed me to be the best version of myself on and off the hill."

The 2022 Winter Olympics take place in Beijing from Feb. 4-20.

Lori Riley can be reached at lriley@courant.com.

Emily Sweeney, pictured in January, is the only U.S. woman to achieve Tier A status to qualify for the U.S. Olympic luge team. Sweeney, who grew up in Suffield, competed in the 2018 Olympics. **ANDREAS SCHAAD/AP**

SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	29	19	6	4	42	94	77
Toronto	30	20	8	2	42	98	76
Florida	29	18	7	4	40	104	87
Detroit	31	15	13	3	33	88	104
Boston	26	14	10	2	30	71	69
Buffalo	30	10	15	5	25	82	104
Ottawa	28	9	17	2	20	79	101
Montreal	31	7	21	3	17	67	109
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	29	21	7	1	43	95	62
Washington	30	18	5	7	43	106	78
N.Y. Rangers	30	19	7	4	42	86	77
Pittsburgh	29	16	8	5	37	88	74
Columbus	28	14	13	1	29	91	95
Philadelphia	29	12	12	5	29	77	95
New Jersey	29	10	14	5	25	80	102
N.Y. Islanders	26	8	12	6	22	57	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota	29	19	8	2	40	108	85
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	89	79
St. Louis	31	17	9	5	39	107	88
Colorado	27	17	8	2	36	115	91
Winnipeg	30	14	11	5	33	93	88
Dallas	28	14	12	2	30	75	81
Chicago	30	11	15	4	26	72	97
Arizona	29	6	21	2	14	56	109
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Vegas	31	20	11	0	40	111	94
Anaheim	32	17	9	6	40	103	89
Calgary	28	15	7	6	36	87	62
Edmonton	29	18	11	0	36	101	90
Los Angeles	29	13	11	5	31	77	77
San Jose	30	15	14	1	31	78	85
Vancouver	31	14	15	2	30	81	90
Seattle	30	10	17	3	23	84	108

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Vegas 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
Winnipeg 4, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles at Washington, late
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, late
Boston at Ottawa, ppd
Nashville at Carolina, ppd
Toronto at Seattle, ppd
Arizona at Vancouver, ppd

MONDAY'S GAMES
Columbus at Buffalo, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, ppd
Colorado at Detroit, ppd
Anaheim at Edmonton, ppd

TUESDAY'S GAMES
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 10p.m.
Tampa Bay at Vegas, 10p.m.
Carolina at Boston, ppd
St. Louis at Ottawa, ppd
Winnipeg at Nashville, ppd
Florida at Chicago, ppd
Anaheim at Calgary, ppd
Vancouver at San Jose, ppd

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Colorado at Buffalo, ppd
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, ppd
Winnipeg at Dallas, ppd
Edmonton at Los Angeles, ppd

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 5, Los Angeles 1
Philadelphia 4, Ottawa 3, OT
Detroit 5, New Jersey 2
Dallas 4, Chicago 3, OT
Edmonton 5, Seattle 3
Florida at Minnesota, ppd
Boston at Montreal, ppd
Toronto at Vancouver, ppd
Tampa Bay at Colorado, ppd
Columbus at Calgary, ppd

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
at Valparaiso	6½	Eastern Michigan
at Georgia	10	Western Carolina
at Notre Dame	20½	W. Michigan
UL Monroe	2	at Lamar
at S. Dakota St.	13	UMKC
Oral Roberts	2½	at South Dakota
St. Thomas	1½	at Omaha
at Gonzaga	35	Northern Arizona
Western Illinois	8	at Denver

NBA — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Boston	off	(off)	Philadelphia
at Memphis	9	(211½)	Okla. City
at Chicago	off	(off)	Houston
at Utah	12	(234)	Charlotte
at Golden St.	off	(off)	Sacramento
at LA Clippers	off	(off)	San Antonio

NHL — MONDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Columbus	-118	at Buffalo	-102
at NY Islanders	off	Montreal	off
at Dallas	-120	Minnesota	+100
at Edmonton	-156	Anaheim	+130

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — MONDAY

FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG
Myrtle Beach Bowl			
Tulsa	9	(53)	Old Dominion
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl			**Tuesday**
Wyoming	3	(59)	Kent State
Frisco Bowl			
UTSA	1½	(49)	San Diego St.
Armed Forces Bowl			**Wednesday**
Army	4	(57½)	Missouri
Frisco Football Classic			**Thursday**
Miami (Ohio)	3	(54½)	North Texas
Gasparilla Bowl			
Florida	6½	(56½)	UCF
Hawaii Bowl			**Friday**
Memphis	8½	(56)	Hawaii
Camellia Bowl			**Saturday**
Georgia State	5	(50½)	Ball State
Quick Lane Bowl			**Monday, Dec. 27**
W Michigan	6	(56)	Nevada
Military Bowl			
Boston College	3	(51½)	East Carolina
Birmingham Bowl			**Tuesday, Dec. 28**
Auburn	2½	(51½)	Houston
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl			
Louisville	1½	(55½)	Air Force
Liberty Bowl			
Mississippi St.	9	(59½)	Texas Tech
Holiday Bowl			
NC State	1	(60)	UCLA
Guaranteed Rate Bowl			
Minnesota	4	(45)	West Virginia
Fenway Bowl			**Wednesday, Dec. 29**
Virginia	2	(71)	SMU
Pinstripe Bowl			
Maryland	3	(55)	Virginia Tech
Cheez-It Bowl			
Clemson	1	(44)	Iowa State
Alamo Bowl			
Oklahoma	4½	(61½)	Oregon
Duke's Mayo Bowl			**Thursday, Dec. 30**
North Carolina	9	(58½)	South Carolina
Music City Bowl			
Tennessee	4½	(63)	Purdue
Peach Bowl			
Michigan State	2½	(57)	Pittsburgh
Las Vegas Bowl			
Wisconsin	7	(42)	Arizona State
Gator Bowl			**Friday, Dec. 31**
Texas A&M	5	(58)	Wake Forest
Sun Bowl			
Miami	2½	(59)	Washington St.
Arizona Bowl			
Boise State	8	(55½)	C. Michigan
CFP Semifinal Cotton Bowl Classic			
Alabama	13½	(58)	Cincinnati
CFP Semifinal Orange Bowl			
Georgia	8	(47)	Michigan
Outback Bowl			**Saturday, Jan. 1**
Penn State	2	(47)	Arkansas
Fiesta Bowl			
Notre Dame	2	(45½)	Oklahoma St.
Citrus Bowl			
Kentucky	2½	(44)	Iowa
Rose Bowl			
Ohio State	6½	(66)	Utah
Sugar Bowl			
Baylor	E	(55)	Mississippi
Texas Bowl			**Tuesday, Jan. 4**
Kansas State	2½	(47)	LSU

NFL WEEK 15 — MONDAY

FAVORITE	SP	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Cleveland	3	(41½)	Las Vegas
Minnesota	6½	(44½)	at Chicago
			TUESDAY
at Philadelphia	6½	(42)	Washington
at LA Rams	6½	(45½)	Seattle

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	21	9	.700	—
Boston	15	15	.500	6
Philadelphia	15	15	.500	6
Toronto	14	15	.483	6½
New York	13	17	.433	8
SOUTHEAST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Miami	18	13	.581	—
Charlotte	16	15	.516	2
Washington	16	15	.516	2
Atlanta	14	15	.483	3
Orlando	6	25	.194	12
CENTRAL	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Chicago	17	10	.630	—
Cleveland	19	12	.613	—
Milwaukee	19	13	.594	½
Indiana	13	18	.419	6
Detroit	5	24	.172	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	19	12	.613	—
Dallas	14	14	.500	3½
San Antonio	11	18	.379	7
Houston	10	20	.333	8½
New Orleans	10	21	.323	9
NORTHWEST	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Utah	20	9	.690	—
Denver	15	14	.517	5
Minnesota	14	15	.483	6
Portland	13	18	.419	8
Oklahoma City	9	19	.321	10½
PACIFIC	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Phoenix	23	5	.821	—
Golden State	24	6	.800	—
L.A. Clippers	16	14	.533	8
L.A. Lakers	16	14	.533	8
Sacramento	13	18	.419	11½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Sacramento 121, San Antonio 114
Detroit 100, Miami 90
Portland 105, Memphis 100
New Orleans at Philadelphia, ppd
Cleveland at Atlanta, ppd
Denver at Brooklyn, ppd
Charlotte at Phoenix, late
Dallas at Minnesota, ;ate
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Orlando at Toronto, ppd
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 9p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at New York, 7:30p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Brooklyn, ppd
Portland at New Orleans, 8p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Houston 116, Detroit 107
Boston 114, New York 107
Toronto 119, Golden State 100
Orlando 100, Brooklyn 93
Oklahoma City 104, L.A. Clippers 103
Cleveland 119, Milwaukee 90
Washington 109, Utah 103

SEASON LOSING STREAKS

TEAM	L	FROM	TO
Houston	15	10-24	11-22
Detroit	14	11-19	12-18
New Orleans	9	10-27	11-12
Oklahoma City	8	11-19	12-02
Orlando	7	12-03	12-17
Orlando	7	11-19	11-29
Portland	7	12-02	12-15
Atlanta	6	11-03	11-12
Denver	6	11-15	11-26
Minnesota	6	10-30	11-10
San Antonio	6	11-12	11-24
Charlotte	5	11-01	11-08
Cleveland	5	11-15	11-24
Minnesota	5	12-01	12-10
Philadelphia	5	11-08	11-16
Detroit	4	10-31	11-05
Detroit	4	10-20	10-28
Indiana	4	11-28	12-03
Indiana	4	10-25	10-30
New York	4	12-08	12-14
Oklahoma City	4	10-20	10-26
Orlando	4	10-25	10-30
Sacramento	4	11-17	11-22
Sacramento	4	11-07	11-12
San Antonio	4	10-22	10-28
Washington	4	12-11	12-16

SEASON WIN STREAKS

TEAM	W	FROM	TO
Phoenix	18	10-30	12-02
Milwaukee	8	11-17	12-01
Utah	8	11-27	12-15
Atlanta	7	11-14	11-26
Golden State	7	11-16	11-28
Golden State	7	10-30	11-12
Houston	7	11-24	12-08
LA Clippers	7	11-01	11-13
Cleveland	6	12-08	12-18
Philadelphia	6	10-28	11-06

SEASON BENCH SCORING

TEAM	GP	PPG	FG%
San Antonio	28	40.9	46.7
Houston	30	40.5	46.5
Sacramento	30	40.4	41.6
Detroit	28	39.7	43.0
Phoenix	28	39.1	44.3
Washington	31	38.9	48.8
New York	30	38.9	44.7
Miami	30	38.0	45.9
Memphis	30	37.7	45.8
L.A. Lakers	30	37.1	44.3
Utah	29	37.0	43.1
Dallas	28	36.3	44.4
Oklahoma City	28	35.8	41.4
Golden State	30	35.6	47.2
LA Clippers	30	34.8	45.7
Cleveland	31	34.5	40.3
Charlotte	31	34.2	47.2
Portland	30	33.2	45.9
Atlanta	29	33.0	40.0
Orlando	31	33.0	39.3
Indiana	31	32.8	43.0
Minnesota	29	32.7	38.5
Denver	29	31.6	40.2
Brooklyn	30	31.4	45.0
New Orleans	31	30.3	40.5
Philadelphia	30	30.1	43.8
Boston	30	28.8	41.1
Milwaukee	32	27.8	40.6
Chicago	27	26.1	48.7
Toronto	29	24.8	41.2

PLAYER	TEAM	GP	PPG
Tyler Herro	MIA	18	19.9
Buddy Hield	SAC	27	15.8
Kelly Oubre Jr.	Char	22	15.7
Jordan Clarkson	Utah	29	15.0
Montrezl Harrell	Was	28	14.0
LaMarcus Aldridge	Brk	17	13.4
Carmelo Anthony	LAL	27	13.4
Anfernee Simons	Por	24	12.8
Pat Connaughton	Mil	20	12.4
Kevin Love	Cle	23	12.2
Jalen Brunson	Dal	18	12.0
Derrick Rose	NY	22	11.9
Cedi Osman	Cle	25	11.4
Lonnie Walker IV	SA	25	11.4
Ricky Rubio	Cle	26	11.3
Devin Vassell	SA	23	11.2

TENNIS

WTA OPEN BLS DE LIMOGES
Sunday at Palais des Sports de Beaublanc, Limoges, France; out.-hard
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#2 Alison van Uytvanck d.
#8 Ana Bogdan, 6-2, 7-5.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Vera Zvonareva/Monica Niculescu d.
Jessika Ponchet/Estelle Cascino, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA HANA BANK KOREA OPEN
Sunday in South Kroea; indoors-hard
WOMEN'S SINGLES, FIRST ROUND
On Yu Choi vs. Ji-Hee Choi, late
#7 Isabella Shinikova vs. Yeong Won Jeong, late

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BOWL GAMES/RESULTS
MONDAY'S GAME
Myrtle Beach Bowl, Conway, S.C.
Old Dominion (6-6) vs. Tulsa (6-6), 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Famous Idaho Potato, Boise, Idaho
Kent St (7-6) vs. Wyoming (6-6), 3:30 p.m.
Frisco Bowl, Frisco, Texas
#24 UTSA (12-1) vs. S. Diego St. (11-2), 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Armed Forces Bowl, Fort Worth, Texas
Missouri (6-6) vs. Army (8-3), 8p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Frisco Football Classic, Frisco, Texas
Miami (7-5) vs. N. Texas (6-6), 3:30p.m.
Gasparilla Bowl, Tampa, Fla.
UCF (8-4) vs. Florida (6-6), 7p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME
Hawaii Bowl, Honolulu
Memphis (6-6) vs. Hawaii (6-7), 8p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25
Camellia Bowl, Montgomery, Ala.
Ball State (6-6) vs. Ga. St. (7-5), 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
Quick Lane Bowl
Nevada (8-4) vs. W. Mich. (7-5), 11a.m.
Military Bowl, Annapolis, Md.
Bos Coll. (6-6) vs. E. Carolina (7-5), 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28
Birmingham Bowl, Birmingham, Ala.
#21 Houston (11-2) vs. Auburn (6-6), noon
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, Dallas
Air Force (9-3) vs. Louisville (6-6), 3:15 p.m.
Liberty Bowl, emphis, Tenn.
Miss St. (7-5) vs. TX Tech (6-6), 6:45p.m.
Holiday Bowl, San Diego
UCLA (8-4) vs. NC State (9-3), 8p.m.
Guaranteed Rate Bowl, Phoenix
Minnesota (8-4) vs. W. Va (6-6), 10:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29
Fenway Bowl, Boston
Virginia (6-6) vs. SMU (8-4), 11a.m.
Pinstripe Bowl, New York City
Va. Tech (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:15 p.m.
Cheez-It Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
#19 Clemson (9-3) vs. Iowa St. (7-5), 5:45 p.m.
Alamo Bowl, San Antonio
#14 Okla. (10-2) vs. #15 Oregon (10-3), 9:15 a.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30
Duke's Mayo Bowl, Charlotte, N.C.
S. Carolina (6-6) vs. N. Carolina (6-6), 11:30 a.m.
Music City Bowl, Nashville
Purdue (8-4) vs. Tennessee (7-5), 3p.m.
Peach Bowl, Atlanta
#11 Mich St. (10-2) vs. #13 Pitt (11-2), 7 p.m.
Las Vegas Bowl, Las Vegas
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Arizona St. (8-4), 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Orange Bowl), Miami Gardens, Fla.
#2 Michigan (12-1) vs.
#3 Georgia (12-1), 7:30 p.m.
College Football Playoff Semifinal (Cotton Bowl Classic), Arlington, Texas
#1Alabama (12-1) vs.
#4Cincinnati (13-0), 7:30p.m.
Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fla.
#20Wake Forest (10-3) vs. #23Texas A&M (8-4), 10a.m.
Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas
Wash. St. (7-5) vs. Miami (7-5), noon
Arizona Bowl, Tucson, Ariz.
C. Mich. (8-4) vs. Boise St. (7-5), 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1
Outback Bowl, Tampa, Fla.
#22 Arkansas (8-4) vs. Penn St. (7-5), noon
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
#17 Iowa (10-3) vs. #25 Kentucky (9-3), 1 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, Ariz.
#5Notre Dame (11-1) vs.
#9Oklahoma St. (11-2), 1p.m.
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.
#7 Ohio St. (10-2) vs. #10 Utah (10-3), 5 p.m.
Sugar Bowl, New Orleans
#6 Baylor (11-2) vs. #8 Miss. (10-2), 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4
Texas Bowl, Houston
LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas St. (7-5), 9p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 8
CFP Championship Game, Indianapolis
Semifinal winners, 8p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17
Bahamas BowlNassau, Bahamas
Middle Tennessee 31, Toledo 24
Cure Bowl, Orlando, Fla.
Coastal Carolina 47, Northern Illinois 41

SATURDAY, DEC. 18
Boca Raton Bowl, Boca Raton, Fla.
W. Kentucky 59, Appalahican St. 38
Celebration Bowl, Atlanta
S. Carolina St. 31, Jackson St. 10
New Mexico Bowl, Albuquerque
Fresno State 31, UTEP 24
Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La.
Ala-Birmingham 31, #12BYU 28
LendingTree Bowl, Mobile, Ala.
Liberty 56, Eastern Michigan 20
LA Bowl, Inglewood, Calif.
Utah St. 24, Oregon State 13
New Orleans Bowl, New Orleans
#16 La-Lafayette 36, Marshall 21e

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS
SEMIFINALS
Dec. 18: Montana State 31, South Dakota State 17
Dec. 17: North Dakota St. 20, James Madison 14
CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday, Jan. 8
Montana State (12-2) vs. North Dakota State (13-1) , noon

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS
SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP
McKinney (Tex.) ISD Stadium
Valdosta State 58, Ferris State 17

GOLF

PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS PNC CHAMPIONSHIP
2nd of 2 rounds, Ritz-Carlton GC, Orlando, Fla., 7,106 yards; Par: 72

(-27)		
Team Daly	$200,000	60-57—117
(-25)		
Team Woods	$80,000	62-57—119
(-24)		
Team Thomas	$53,625	60-60—120
(-24)		
Team Cink	$53,625	59-61—120
(-21)T		
Team Lehman	$48,500	62-61—123
(-21)		
Team Singh	$48,500	61-62—123
(-20)		
Team Kuchar	$47,000	62-62—124
(-19)		
Team O'Meara	$45,500	63-62—125
(-19)		
Team Stenson	$45,500	62-63—125
(-18)		
Team Beem	$44,250	65-61—126
(-18)		
Team Player	$44,250	62-64—126
(-17)		
Team Korda	$43,500	63-64—127
(-16)		
Team Duval	$42,750	65-63—128
(-16)		
Team B Watson	$42,750	63-65—128
(-15)		
Team Harrington	$42,000	67-62—129
(-14)		
Team T Watson	$40,812.50	65-65—130
(-14)		
Team Furyk	$40,812.50	65-65—130
(-14)		
Team Price	$40,812.50	65-65—130
(-14)		
Team Faldo	$40,812.50	62-68—130
(-13)		
Team Trevino	$40,000	64-67—131

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 Baylor (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alcorn St., Monday.
No. 2 Duke (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.
No. 3 Purdue (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Incarnate Word, Monday.
No. 4 UCLA (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Cal Poly, Tuesday.
No. 5 Gonzaga (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. N. Arizona, Monday.
No. 6 Alabama (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Davidson, Tuesday.
No. 7 Kansas (9-1) did not play. Next: at Colorado, Tuesday.
No. 8 Arizona (11-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Tennessee, Wednesday.
No. 9 Villanova (7-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Xavier, Tuesday.
No. 10 Southern Cal (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona St., Thursday.
No. 11 Iowa St. (11-0) beat SE Louisiana 77-54. Next: vs. Chicago St., Tuesday.
No. 12 Michigan St. (9-2) did not play. Next: at Oakland, Tuesday.
No. 13 Auburn (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Murray St., Wednesday.
No. 14 Houston (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas St., Wednesday.
No. 15 Ohio St. (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. New Orleans, Tuesday, Dec. 28.
No. 16 Seton Hall (9-1) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Thursday.
No. 17 Texas (8-2) beat Stanford 60-53. Next: vs. Rice, Wednesday.
No. 18 Tennessee (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Arizona, Wednesday.
No. 19 LSU (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Wednesday.
No. 20 UConn (9-3) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Tuesday.
No. 21 Kentucky (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
No. 22 Xavier (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Villanova, Tuesday.
No. 23 Colorado St. (10-0) did not play. Next: at New Mexico, Tuesday, Dec. 28.
No. 24 Arkansas (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Tuesday.
No. 25 Texas Tech (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. E. Washington, Wednesday.

SUNDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Bridgeport 96, Mercy 81
California (Pa.) 87, Millersville 76
Clarion 112, Mansfield 79
Edinboro 83, Kutztown 78
Gannon 81, Bloomsburg 53
Harvard 62, Holy Cross 54
Holy Family 87, S. Connecticut 62
LIU 90, Army 65
Mass.-Lowell 70, Sacred Heart 62
Monmouth (NJ) 77, Colgate 66
Pitt.-Johnstown 95, Lock Haven 68
Seton Hill 69, Shepherd 59
Slippery Rock 86, West Chester 81
St. Thomas Aquinas 94, Roberts Wesleyan 87
Staten Island 96, D'Youville 62
UMass 77, Fairfield 73, OT
West Liberty 108, Wilmington (DC) 74
SOUTH
Berry 79, Marywood 46
Centenary 87, Trinity (FL) 78
Florida Gulf Coast 67, Mercer 55
Mid Tennessee 84, Coastal Carolina 80
Richmond 67, Old Dominion 61
Sul Ross St. 71, Millsaps 58
Walsh 67, Palm Beach Atlantic 65
William Peace 90, Randolph 81, OT
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 100, Robert Morris 74
Drake 80, UT Martin 54
Ill.-Chicago 61, N. Illinois 60
Iowa St. 77, SE Louisiana 54
SIU-Edwardsville 84, William Woods 29
Wabash 96, Mount St. Joseph 88
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 68, Air Force 46
Oklahoma 70, Texas-Arlington 50
WEST
California 61, Dartmouth 55
Duquesne 76, UC Irvine 54
Embry-Riddle 78, Hawaii Pacific 51
Montana St. 61, Portland 59
SMU 90, New Mexico 72
Texas 60, Stanford 53
UC Davis 77, Pacific 67

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
No. 1 South Carolina (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Stanford, Tuesday.
No. 2 NC State (11-2) beat Virginia 82-55. Next: at Clemson, Thursday, Dec. 30.
No. 3 Stanford (8-2) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Tuesday.
No. 4 Arizona (10-0) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday, Dec. 31.
No. 5 Baylor (9-2) lost No. 13 Michigan 74-68, OT. Next: vs. Houston Baptist, Wednesday, Dec. 29.
No. 6 Louisville (10-1) beat No. 7 UConn 69-64. Next: vs. Boston College, Wednesday, Dec. 30.
No. 7 Tennessee (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. ETSU, Monday.
No. 7 UConn (6-3) lost to No. 6 Louisville 69-64. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday, Dec. 29.
No. 9 Maryland (9-3) did not play. Next: at Coppin St., Tuesday.
No. 10 Indiana (9-2) beat W. Michigan 67-57. Next: vs. Wright St., Tuesday.
No. 11 Texas (7-1) vs. San Diego. Next: at Princeton, Wednesday.
No. 12 Iowa St. (10-1) vs. Prairie View. Next: vs. West Virginia, Sunday, Jan. 2.
No. 13 Michigan (11-1) beat No. 5 Baylor 74-68, OT. Next: vs. E. Michigan, Wednesday.
No. 14 Iowa (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. IUPUI, Tuesday.
No. 15 Duke (8-1) did not play. Next: at Charleston Southern, Tuesday.
No. 16 South Florida (8-3) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Monday.
No. 17 Georgia (10-1) beat St. Francis (Pa) 82-45. Next: vs. South Alabama, Tuesday.
No. 18 Georgia Tech (8-2) vs. Wake Forest. Next: vs. Boston U., Tuesday.
No. 19 Kentucky (7-3) beat SC-Upstate 67-44. Next: at Auburn, Thursday, Dec. 30.
No. 20 BYU (9-1) did not play. Next: at Montana St., Tuesday.
No. 21 Notre Dame (10-2) beat Pittsburgh 85-59. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.
No. 22 LSU (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Monday.
No. 23 Texas A&M (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. UTSA, Monday.
No. 24 Ohio St. (8-2) did not play. Next: at San Diego St., Tuesday.
No. 25 North Carolina (10-0) beat Boston College 76-73. Next: vs. Alabama St., Tuesday.

SOCCER

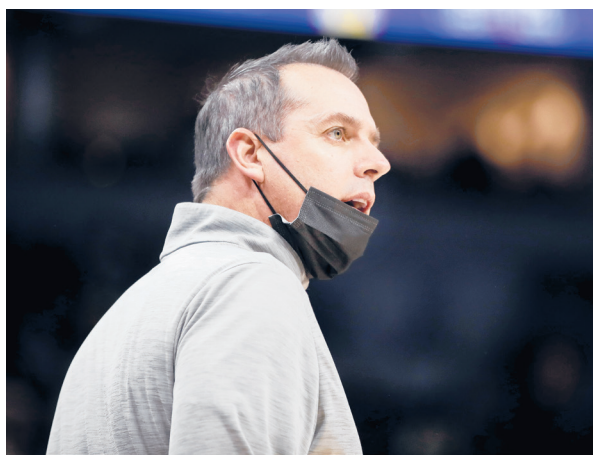
ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Man City	18	14	2	2	44	9	44
Liverpool	18	12	5	1	50	15	41
Chelsea	18	11	5	2	39	12	38
Arsenal	18	10	2	6	27	23	32
West Ham	17	8	4	5	28	21	28
Man United	16	8	3	5	26	24	27
Tottenham	15	8	2	5	18	19	26
Wolverhampton	18	7	4	7	13	14	25
Leicester	16	6	4	6	27	27	22
Aston Villa	17	7	1	9	23	25	22
Crystal Palace	17	4	8	5	24	24	20
Brentford	16	5	5	6	21	22	20
Brighton	16	4	8	4	14	17	20
Everton	17	5	4	8	21	29	19
Southampton	17	3	8	6	16	26	17
Leeds	18	3	7	8	18	36	16
Watford	16	4	1	11	21	31	13
Burnley	15	1	8	6	14	21	11
Newcastle	18	1	7	10	18	41	10
Norwich	17	2	4	11	8	34	10

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Newcastle 0, Man City 4
Wolverhampton 0, Chelsea 0
Tottenham 2, Liverpool 2
Everton vs. Leicester, ppd

SUNDAY, DEC. 26
Liverpool vs. Leeds, 7:30a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Watford, 7:30a.m.
Burnley vs. Everton, 10a.m.
Man City vs. Leicester, 10a.m.
Norwich vs. Arsenal, 10a.m.
Tottenham vs. Crystal Palace, 10a.m.
West Ham vs. Southampton, 10a.m.
Aston Villa vs. Chelsea, 12:30p.m.
Brighton vs. Brentford, 3p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27
Newcastle vs. Man United, 3p.m.



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for a job with the soon-to-relaunch XFL, thinks UConn will find the players it needs to sustain an FBS program in its backyard.

"If I were to look back over a decade, in the independent landscape, we've seen an incredible rise with a lot of programs doing a great job recruiting and developing talent," Dykeman said. "Connecticut and the Northeast needs to be a primary focus of their recruiting. There are so many more new programs, group-of-five programs, I do think the state of Connecticut provides a phenomenal recruiting base already for UConn, and it's clear to me already that this new staff seems committed to doing that."

Wholley said that, as an assistant during Randy Edsall's first stint as UConn coach, he focused hard on Connecticut talent and was encouraged to do that. Several of the better players on UConn's 2021 team, which finished 1-11, and the more successful teams of the early FBS era, have Connecticut roots.

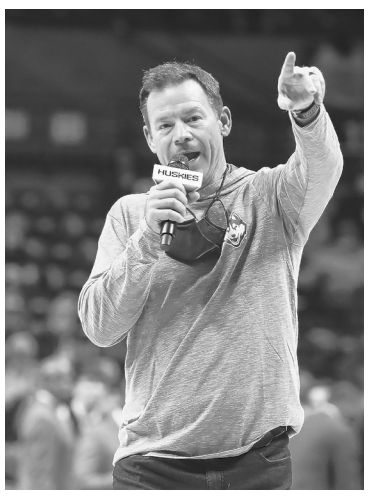
Travis Jones, a defensive tackle from New Haven's Wilbur Cross High, is going to the Senior Bowl and is a potential NFL draft pick. Linebacker Jackson Mitchell from Ridgefield was among the leading tacklers in the country, and tight end Jay Rose hails from Southington. Freshman quarterback Tyler Phommachanh, who had promising games before going down with a knee injury, is from Stratford and attended Avon Old Farms, the same route his older brother, Taisun, took to Clemson.

"This is *my* state now, as well," said Mora, who coached in the NFL and at UCLA.

This was a point of emphasis, too, when UConn director of athletics David Benedict was considering Mora for the job. One of Mora's first hires was John Marinelli, a former football coach at Greenwich High, as tight ends coach. He figures to be an integral figure in recruiting state talent at both CIAC and prep schools. Coaches around the state have been buzzing about UConn's renewed interest.

"Right from the first couple of days, Coach Mora and Coach Marinelli were on the phone calling a bunch of coaches around the state," Bristol Central football coach Jeff Papazian said. "There's talk they want to do a coaches clinic in the spring. I think what they're doing in trying to establish relationships is the way to go. They've got to try to keep the top kids, keep 'em home, while still going into Pennsylvania and New Jersey and places like that."

It has long been the perception that Connecticut does not produce enough FBS-level talent to be a recruiting base for a major program, but many state coaches have been pointing to some of the players who have left the state without much interest from UConn, such as Iowa receiver Nico Ragaini from Notre Dame-West Haven, Miami quarterback and ACC freshman of the year Tyler Van Dyke from Glastonbury and Suffield Academy, Michigan tight end Luke Schoonmaker from



Jim Mora wants you — if you play at a Connecticut high school or prep school and have the talent — to play football at UConn. **PAUL CONNORS/ AP**

Hamden Hall and former Xavier High quarterback Will Levis, who went to Penn State then transferred to Kentucky where he has led the Wildcats to a major bowl game.

"If you kept all the top players in the state, or a good majority of them, you'd have a lot of top-end talent," said Wholley.

Dykeman, who is turning the Cheshire Academy program over to his longtime defensive coordinator Dan Mehleisen, has helped develop more than 200 players for college, and he expects several from the school to be on UConn's radar in the next year or two. Loomis Chaffee figures to continue providing college-ready prospects, though Moore will be recruiting them for the other FBS independent in New England.

"We want kids to play very hard, love football, be ready to rise up to a challenge," Moore said. "Wherever those kids are, local or anywhere else, we're going to find those kids. It can be done here."

Wholley, who played for Jude Kelly at Southington before his college career took him to UConn, Fordham and Mississippi State, has bold aspirations for Avon Old Farms. Avon Old Farms has some underclassmen with offers from UConn, and Wholley expects more soon.

"Kids here are really special," Wholley said. "It's a really special place. It allows kids to be the best they can be, get to play a high level of football, compete against really good players. I think we can be one of the top 10 football programs in the country, something to build for, and they have a vision here where we can do that, and it keeps me hungry."

So far, the one CIAC player to sign with UConn is Victor Rosa, the Connecticut Gatorade player of the year from Bristol Central. There are other offers out, including one to Cam Edwards, a star running back at Norwalk High.

"Everything south of Jersey is recruited heavily, and everything north of Jersey is slept on," said Rosa after signing his national letter of intent. "If you do your research, there's a lot of talent in Connecticut; there's a lot of talent in the other states in New England. There's talent all over in C-T, and I love what Coach Mora is doing."

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herself. Dorka Juhasz provided 15 points, but Evina Westbrook and Christyn Williams, UConn's most experienced players, shot a combined 7 for 23.

Auriemma said, memorably, that he just didn't like what the Huskies looked like without Bueckers, and one can't blame him.

But I'm not buying the sky-is-falling card just yet. Don't be surprised if there are more times they impress you with their grit, toughness, stick-to-itiveness. It happened last week against UCLA. They didn't sustain it Sunday, and what could have been an exhilarating win slipped away.

So Louisville will rise and the Huskies will probably drop from No. 7 out of the top 10 Monday. So what? That's not what it's about right now.

It's about players like Ducharme, 6 feet 2, taking the minutes she might not have gotten — she played all 40 out of necessity — and doing great things with them.

"I was just trying to be aggressive and take the shots they were giving us," Ducharme said, "and just try to do what I could to help. I've kind of learned in my career not to get down on little things."

This is a time for grinders, and Ducharme, 10 for 20, with eight rebounds and two assists, showed the qualities UConn's staff saw when they snared her from Milton, Mass., where she was a McDonald's All-American and Gatorade state player of the year.

"When you say, 'What attracted you, what made you want to recruit Caroline?' I don't think it was her blazing quickness or ability to get off her feet and play above the rim," Auriemma said. "There was a mental toughness part that I find very rare in today's players. And she has it, and she has a sneaky way of getting points on the board."

Though Ducharme wouldn't admit it, Auriemma acknowledged she tired at the end and had a couple of defensive lapses, allowing Hailey Van Lith to make a couple of big shots down the stretch. Like all freshmen, she will play in spurts. In the Huskies' secret preseason scrimmage against Boston College, for instance, Ducharme played this well, and at other times fell into funks. "Freshmen are funny," Auriemma said.

UConn's loss at Georgia Tech on Dec. 9, four days after Bueckers went down, was a shock to the system. There has since been time to regroup, figure out new ways to function in a world where teams can pack it in on their post players and force the Huskies to make 3s. They'll succeed when they get more from the perimeter, more than the 3 for 15 they got Sunday, with Ducharme going 3 for 9. They'll need to tighten up the unforced turnovers.

"We're all just trying to come back and see what we can do to get better," Ducharme said. "There's definitely a lot of fight in this team."

As they go into Big East play Dec. 29 with a record of, gasp, 6-3, UConn will have to get better without Bueckers. As Louisville savors its first win over UConn in Connecticut, the Huskies must build for brighter days when they might see the Cardinals again. Caroline Ducharme, for one, offers some hope for that.

"Now the trick is, when we do get healthy, building on that," Auriemma said, "individuals being better and our team being better two months from now. So there's a lot to hold on to."

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(38-12) and found great success on the offensive glass, but went 3 for 15 from the arc, with no player outside of Ducharme making a trey. They were also outscored 27-19 in the final quarter, during which Louisville's Hailey Van Lith (16 points) and Emily Engstler went 3 for 3 on 3s. The Cardinals (10-1) sealed the win by going 14 for 16 from the free-throw line down the stretch.

"We should have won the game tonight," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We did enough things to win the game tonight. But they made shots when they had to make them, and we didn't, and that was the difference."

UConn made a statement early, storming ahead 12-2 and finishing the first quarter up 16-9 behind strong defense and some nice plays getting to the hoop and free-throw line. Louisville cut the deficit to four in the second quarter before back-to-back baskets from Juhász and Christyn Williams (10 points) extended the Huskies' lead to eight. And when the Cardinals caught fire from the arc, hitting four of their six attempts in the second, Juhász found Ducharme for a layup in the final minute to give UConn a 28-25 edge at the break.

Louisville earned its first lead of the afternoon at the 8:06 mark of the third with a jumper by Kianna Smith (16 points), and scored the first seven points of the second half as the Huskies went scoreless for 3:27 before Evina Westbrook's layup.

After another Smith jumper pushed Louisville's advantage to six, Ducharme caught fire. She tallied seven unanswered points, including UConn's first 3 of the game, to briefly give the Huskies the lead. Louisville sank two shots before UConn's bigs got to work in the paint, scoring three straight baskets to cap a 13-4 run and push UConn ahead 45-42 going into the fourth.

When the Cardinals found some momentum early in the fourth to go back ahead by seven, Ducharme responded once more. She rattled off four straight points to retake the lead at 52-51 before Van Lith answered with two straight 3s to put Louisville back ahead by five. The Huskies cut the deficit to four three times, and then to three twice with under 15 seconds left, but Louisville hit enough free throws to prevent the Huskies from getting any closer.

Ducharme accounted for 20 of UConn's 36 second-half points, making eight of her 14 attempts from the field, while the rest of the team was 8 for 24.

"I was just trying to be aggressive and taking the shots they're giving us and just trying to do what I could to help," she said.

As brilliant as Ducharme was, no other UConn player scored in the fourth until 47 seconds remained. The Huskies' didn't put up single digits in the fourth like the Georgia Tech and South Carolina games, but the offensive disappearance in key stretches from players, particularly the senior leaders, continues to be an issue. UConn also committed four turnovers in the final frame.

"The same things have been occurring whether it was before Paige and Azzi and Nika [were hurt]," Auriemma said. "There's some element to our team where we're our own worst enemy a lot of times. A lot of the unforced errors that we make, they're just not very typical of Connecticut teams. That's just not the way we play. So that's become very difficult to deal with because they keep happening at the worst times."

The Huskies now have a week-plus break before their next game, Dec. 29 against conference foe Marquette. Mühl and freshman Azzi Fudd could be back by then, giving the Huskies some much-needed playmaking and offensive firepower from the perimeter.

Either way, they don't have much of a choice but to take the good with the bad until Mühl, Fudd, Aubrey Griffin and Bueckers return to the floor.

"There was a lot of things that we did really, really well," Auriemma said. "We obviously needed more help than just what Caroline was providing. We needed more contributions from more people, for sure. And we didn't get them. You're not going to beat a really, really good team without that."

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LOUISVILLE 69, UCONN 64

Louisville	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
K. Smith	36	7-14	1-2	4	3	2	16
Van Lith	30	5-14	4-4	4	3	1	16
Engstler	21	2-5	4-4	6	2	3	9
Dixon	20	1-2	2-2	2	0	3	4
Hall	18	0-2	2-2	3	3	0	2
A. Smith	19	3-5	2-2	0	0	0	11
Cochran	23	3-3	2-4	4	0	4	8
Konno	7	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	3
Robinson	20	0-2	0-0	3	1	2	0
Verhulst	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	—	22-51	17-20	32	12	15	69

Three-point goals: 8-15, 53.3(A. Smith 3-4, Van Lith 2-2, Engstler 1-1, Konno 1-2, K. Smith 1-4, Hall 0-1, Verhulst 0-1). FG pct.: 43.1. FT pct.: 85.0. Team rebounds: 6. Turnovers: 13 (Cochran 6, A. Smith 2, K. Smith, Engstler, Verhulst, Team). Blocks: 2(Engstler, A. Smith). Steals: 6(A. Smith 2, K. Smith, Engstler, Konno, Robinson).

UConn	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Ducharme	40	10-20	1-2	8	2	3	24
Juhasz	36	6-13	3-5	8	3	4	15
Williams	40	4-11	2-2	3	1	3	10
Westbrook	38	3-12	0-0	3	2	1	6
Nelson-Ododa	27	2-5	1-1	5	4	3	5
Edwards	16	2-3	0-0	4	0	3	4
DeBerry	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	—	27-64	7-10	37	12	17	64

Three-point goals: 3-15, 20.0(Ducharme 3-9, Juhasz 0-1, Westbrook 0-5). FG pct.: 42.2. FT pct.: 70.0. Team rebounds: 6. Turnovers: 14 (Westbrook 5, Ducharme 3, Nelson-Ododa 3, Williams 2, Juhasz). Blocks: 2(Ducharme, Westbrook). Steals: 4(Williams 2, Westbrook 2).

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Sanogo, and relying on graduate guard R.J. Cole to make something out of nothing on the offensive end is a futile exercise. In the last four games, Cole hasn't shot better than 35.2% from the field, including going 5-for-19 for 16 points on Saturday.

All this defensive attention has bothered Cole, but the hesitancy of the rest of the UConn players to take shots when open is killing the Huskies' offensive flow. Defenses are daring anybody besides Cole to beat them, and on Saturday, sharpshooters Jordan Hawkins, Tyler Polley and Jalen Gaffney went a combined for 1-for-13 from the field, including 1-for-10 from 3. Freshman Hawkins and junior guard Gaffney didn't have a lot of attempts, but rather it was graduate Polley's play that has been a worrisome trend. Polley went 1-for-7 from 3 and is shooting 29.9% for the season. If you take away his Auburn game where he went 6-for-9, that percentage drops to 24.1%.

If Polley and UConn continue their offensive struggles, you have to wonder when coach Dan Hurley will turn to some youth. Freshman Rahsool Diggins hasn't played much this season, but he has the skillset to help UConn with with his offensive facilitation and ability to score off the dribble. He could also help solve UConn's ball-handling issues.

Andre Jackson and Tyrese Martin brought the energy

In Martin's first game back since his wrist injury, he started off a little rusty. By the second half, you could see how much UConn missed his energetic presence on both sides of the ball. As UConn tried to cut down Providence's 16-point lead, it was Martin who was right in the middle of it with some clutch buckets. He finished with 15 points on 6-for-14 shooting from the field.

"I think he is one of the best glue guys in America," said Providence coach Ed Cooley.

Sophomore forward Andre Jackson dominated the boards Saturday, finishing with 14 rebounds. His presence on the glass was pivotal to give the Huskies a chance to make a late run in the game.

"I look at Jackson, he reminds me of a young Scottie Pippen," Cooley said. "He's a threat always. He's long; he's athletic; he can rebound; he can pass. ... He's getting better and better every game."

Nothing will come easy in the Big East

For the Huskies, this was a wakeup call for how tough the Big East games are going to be. UConn can't continue to have slow starts, poor shooting and fall behind big if it wants to win the conference. UConn continues its trend of starting poorly in Big East openers, falling to 17-19 with Hurley now 0-4 with UConn.

"UConn will be really good, I mean damn good," Cooley said. "One game doesn't define you."

Hurley doesn't want his team to dwell on this loss.

"We are going to watch it and be sick to our stomach, but we are going to quickly regroup," Hurley said. "We have 19 more of these [games] and understand that we are as good as anybody in the league. We have to go get the next one."

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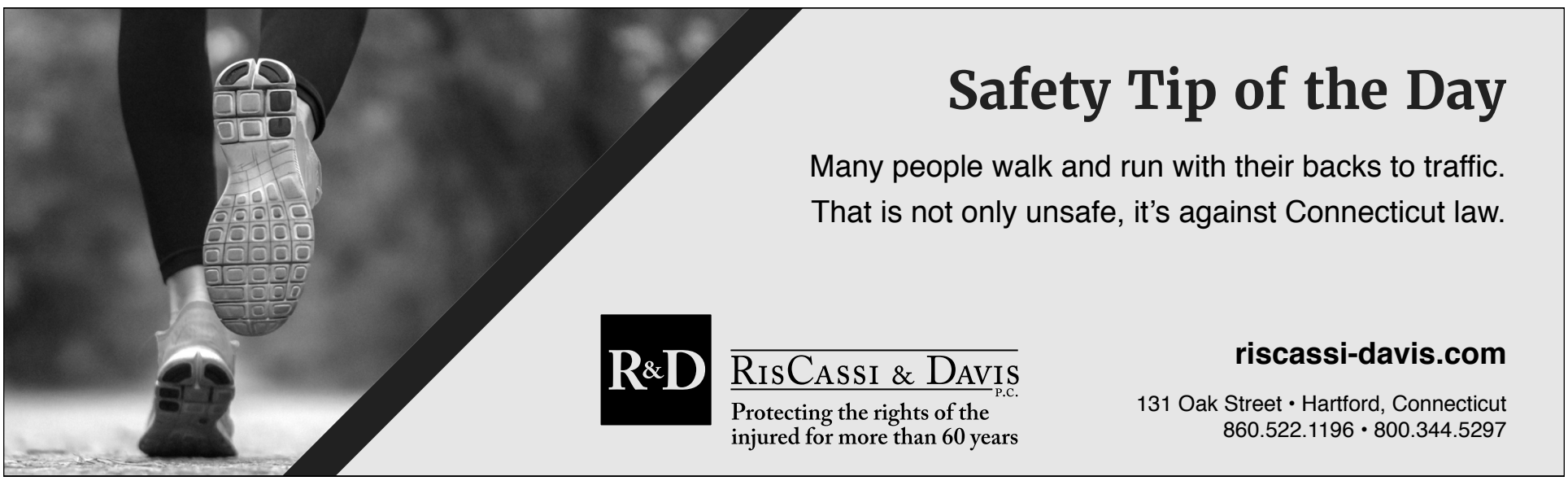
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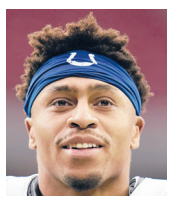
SHORTS

Wisconsin wins 1st volleyball title

There's a reason Wisconsin's Dana Rettke was named the college women's volleyball national player of the year on Friday. On Saturday night in Columbus, Ohio, the five-time, first-team All-American's 11th and final kill gave Wisconsin a 22-25, 31-29, 25-23, 23-25, 15-12 victory over Nebraska and the Badgers' first national championship. Rettke also finished with a career-high 13 blocks in her collegiate finale. "... I cannot believe it," Rettke said after the win. "I'm just so proud of this team and how we battled and how we fought." The 6-foot-8 middle blocker showed her value in the decisive second set when she generated three-straight points with a kill and consecutive blocks. Wisconsin (31-3), the No. 4 overall seed, set a championship game record with 24 blocks. "That's something that we worked so hard on all year. ... just getting those blocks," she said. "Twenty-four blocks — that's insane, that's absolutely insane." In front a championship-record crowd of 18,755 at Nationwide Arena, Wisconsin played in its fourth NCAA final in program history and the second time in the last three years. The Badgers lost championship matches in 2000, 2013 and 2019. Nebraska (26-8), the No. 10 seed, was in search of its sixth NCAA title.

Red-hot Taylor, Colts keep rolling



Jonathan Taylor understood the challenge long before he suited up Saturday night. He anticipated defensive mastermind Bill Belichick would stack the line of scrimmage and dare the Colts to beat them with the passing game as he's done to so many other opponents. This time, Taylor turned the tables. The second-year running back out of Wisconsin rushed 29 times for 170 yards, including a 67-yard TD run with 2:01 left to seal the Colts' 27-17 victory over the visiting Patriots. Taylor's performance may have changed their season season, too. By winning for the fifth time in six games and snapping an eight-game losing streak against a bitter rival, the Colts (8-6) solidified their playoff hopes with another crucial conference victory. He's run for a score in 11 straight games, tying Hall of Famer Lenny Moore for the longest streak in franchise history. Taylor leads the NFL with 1,518 rushing yards and 17 TDs. For the Patriots (9-5), it marked the end of a seven-game winning streak and dropped them out of the No. 1 slot in the AFC playoff chase. It was the Colts' first win over the Patriots since 2009.

American's 4 goals lift Young Boys

American Jordan Pefok scored a career-high four goals, leading Young Boys to a 5-0 rout over host Lugano on Sunday in the Swiss Super League. Pefok scored in the sixth minute with a right-footed shot from the penalty area and the 21st minute with a header from inside the 6-yard box. He boosted the lead to four goals when he converted a penalty kick in the 49th minute and got his final goal in the 61st with a header from near the penalty spot. Pefok, a 25-year-old forward, has recorded 11 goals in 17 league matches this season and 16 goals over 30 club matches in all competions. He's now just two shy of his career high for goals in a season, set while playing for Reims in the French second tier in 2017-18. He had three-goal matches for Young Boys at Zurich on Feb. 3 and for Reims against Valenciennes on Dec. 16, 2017. Born in Washington, D.C., and raised in France, Pefok made his U.S. debut on March 25 and has one goal in eight international appearances, scoring against Honduras in the CONCACAF Nations League semifinals in June. With the win Sunday, Young Boys moved into third place with 32 points, two ahead of Lugano. Zurich leads the league with 40 points, followed by Basel with 33. *—Associated Press*

Tiger Woods hugs his 12-year-old son Charlie after the final round of the PNC Championship on Sunday. **SCOTT AUDETTE/AP**

GOLF

'It's worth all the pain'

2nd-place finish for Tiger, young son one to cherish

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods might not be ready for tour-level golf. He can still deliver quite a show.

In a remarkable return from a car crash 10 months ago that badly damaged his right leg, Woods and 12-year-old son Charlie set a tournament record with 11 straight birdies and pushed John Daly and his college son all the way to the finish Sunday in the PNC Championship.

Daly and John Daly II, a freshman at Arkansas, shot 57 in the scramble format and won by two shots. It might have been the widest Woods ever smiled after a runner-up finish.

"The fact that I'm able to have this opportunity this year — even a couple weeks ago we didn't really know whether or not I would be doing this," Woods said. "But here we are. And we had just best time ever."

The birdie streak began on the seventh hole when Woods hit a half-wedge into a foot. Charlie holed a 10-footer on the next hole, stooping to pick up the marker before the ball was even in the cup, another moment where the confident son looked a lot like his father.

It was like that over the final two hours, Woods often hitting the key irons and Charlie making the putts. They briefly had the lead after a birdie on the 14th and the margin was thin the rest of the way until the very end.

Daly, playing two groups behind, birdied the 16th hole to regain the lead. He and his son stayed in front when Team Woods chipped too strong on the par-5 closing hole and each of them missed 8-foot birdie putts. They shot 57 with only four pars, two on par 5s.

"We thought we'd have to birdie every hole on the back nine, and it turned out to be that way," Woods said. "But man, what a blast it was. We just had a blast all day."

Daly and son two-putted for birdie on the 18th and set the record that mattered. They finished at 27 under, breaking by one the mark set by Davis Love III and his son three years ago.

"Yesterday, it was all him. I putted so bad," Daly said. "I finally hit some decent shots. He played unbelievable.

"I played a little better today. I made him happy."

The most famous encounter between Woods and Daly was in 2005 at Harding Park in a World Golf Championship, which ended in a playoff when Daly three-putted from 15 feet.

Woods was charging again — Tiger and Charlie — except Team Daly didn't flinch. Daly hit 7-iron into the wind to short range on the 16th for birdie, and he coaxed in a 4-foot par putt on the 17th to stay ahead.

The most popular offseason event that pairs major champions and a family member suddenly felt tense on a warm Florida afternoon, all because of Woods and everything that led to him playing again.

Woods suffered multiple injuries to his right leg on Feb. 23 when his SUV traveling about 85 mph crashed through a median and down a hill in the Los Angeles suburbs.

He said amputation was a possibility. It took three months for him to get on his feet with help of crutches. And he ended the year in a Sunday red shirt, holing birdie putts and delivering short irons that led to one birdie after another and a chase that felt like old times.

This wasn't just about Woods. His son, playing this event for the second straight year, delivered the goods down the stretch, particularly a 5-iron to 4 feet on the par-3 17th that gave them a tie for the lead going to the 18th.

Team Daly held steady.

It was only one month ago when Woods first posted a brief video showing him hitting a short iron with the message, "Making progress." He was hitting balls on the range in the Bahamas two weeks ago. He was able to ride a cart at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, which helped him get by in the 36-hole event on a flat course.

He kept insisting that playing at a high level against the best players in the world is still a long way and a lot of work ahead of him.

But there was no shortage of birdies, big shots and loads of hopes for a fairy-tale ending.

"The competitive juices, they are never going to go away," Woods said. "This is my environment. This is what I've done my entire life. I'm just so thankful to be able to have this opportunity to do it again.

"Earlier this year was not a very good start to the year and it didn't look very good," he said. "But the last few weeks, to push as hard as we have the last seven months ... and to have this opportunity to be able to play with my son and to have these memories, it's worth all the pain."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ragin' Cajuns QB ends career on high

Associated Press

Louisiana-Lafayette senior quarterback Levi Lewis turned in one last memorable performance to help new Ragin' Cajuns head coach Michael Desormeaux get off to a winning start.

Lewis passed for 270 yards and a touchdown and rushed for another 74 yards, and Louisiana-Lafayette defeated Marshall 36-21 in the New Orleans Bowl on Saturday night to end its season on a program-record 13-game winning streak.

"You always want to go out the right way," Lewis said. "It being the last game of the season, we really wanted to win."

The bowl game kicked off the Desormeaux era for the Ragin' Cajuns (13-1). Promoted from offensive coordinator, he took over after ULL, No. 23 in the College Football Playoff rankings, won the Sun Belt Championship game under Billy Napier, who left after that to become coach at Florida.

"It's kind of a little bit of an overwhelming feeling," said Desormeaux, who also played quarterback for Louisiana-Lafayette. "I felt pressure to do a good job for our players because they deserved to win this game."

The victory didn't come easily against a Marshall squad that played with vigor and didn't fall behind for good until less than nine minutes remained.

The Ragin' Cajuns, who had to rally from behind twice in the game, took the lead for good on Emani Bailey's first of two TD runs he had in the final 8:20.

Lewis' 54-yard pass to Michael Jefferson set up Montrell Johnson's 3-yard TD run to widen the lead with 3:54 to go and Bailey scored again late for the final margin

"We always know that no matter what we go through, we've got to keep our poise," Lewis said. "Teams like us that's experienced are just prepared for this moment."

Rasheen Ali rushed for 160 yards and three TDs for Marshall (7-6). His final TD on a 9-yard run put Marshall in front 21-16 late in the third quarter.

Lewis finished 19 of 31 passing without a turnover. He had three completions of 42 or more yards and also had a 55-yard run.

Lewis is "No. 1 in my book," said Bailey, who finished with 94 yards rushing and two TDs on 17 carries. "He's a true leader."

Reserve QB lifts Utah State in inaugural LA Bowl: Third-string quarterback Cooper Legas threw two TD passes, Calvin Tyler Jr. ran for 120 yards and a score and Utah State beat Oregon State 24-13 on Saturday night in the inaugural LA Bowl Saturday night in Inglewood, California.

Legas came in when starter Logan Bonner suffered a knee injury during the first quarter. Andrew Peasley was Bonner's backup throughout the season, but was ruled out prior to kickoff due to a shoulder injury he suffered Nov. 26 against New Mexico.

Legas' only action this season was late in the New Mexico game. The sophomore's first collegiate pass couldn't have gone any better when he connected with Deven Thompkins on a 62-yard TD strike to tie it at 7.

Thompkins, a senior, had six receptions for 115 yards and set a single-season school record with 102 catches.

Utah State finished 11-3, and Oregon State 7-6.

Ferris State wins D-II title: QB Jared Bernhardt had three TD runs in the first half as undefeated Ferris State built a big lead and cruised to its first D-II championship with a 58-17 rout of Valdosta State on Saturday night in McKinney, Texas.

It was the most points scored in a D-II title game since Delta State beat Bloomsburg 63-34 in 2000. It was also the largest margin of victory since Northern Colorado's 51-0 win against New Haven in 1997.

Ferris State (14-0) finished with 581 yards of offense, 459 yards on the ground, to cap its dominate season. Twelve of the Bulldogs' 14 wins were by double digits.

Bernhardt, a graduate transfer from Maryland playing in his only collegiate football season, was one of the nation's top lacrosse players in his four seasons with the Terrapins. He finished with 148 yards rushing on 14 carries, didn't throw a pass and sat out most of the second half.

Ivory Durham threw two TDs and two picks for Valdosta State (12-2).

Today's bowl game

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL
Tulsa (6-6) vs. Old Dominion (8-4)
2:30 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S AT STAKE
Both teams enter the game on win streaks. The Golden Hurricane won their last three games of the regular season to qualify for the postseason. The Monarchs won their last five games to reach their first bowl since 2016.

KEY MATCHUP
Tulsa RB Shamari Brooks vs. Old Dominion's rush defense. Brooks led Tulsa with 922 yards and six TDs on the ground. The Golden Hurricane were third in American Athletic Conference rushing at 187 yards a game, one spot ahead of league champ and CFP semifinalist Cincinnati. Old Dominion was third in Conference USA against the rush and only allowed one opponent to run for 200-plus yards.

COWBOYS 21, GIANTS 6

Turnovers doom Giants in loss to Cowboys

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

Cowboys cornerback Jourdan Lewis makes an interception against the Giants on Sunday afternoon in East Rutherford, N.J. **ADAM HUNGER/AP**

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — It's been said defenses win championships, and nobody in the NFL might be playing better D right now than the Dallas Cowboys.

DeMarcus Lawrence forced a fumble and made two other big plays that led to 15 points as the Dallas defense forced four turnovers for the third straight game Sunday. The Cowboys inched closer to their first playoff berth since 2018 with a 21-6 win over the New York Giants.

"We're the best defense," a blunt Trevon Diggs said after picking up his league-high 10th interception of the season, one shy of the team record set by Everson Walls in 1981.

Lawrence said the defense is the best he has played on in his eight seasons.

"It's amazing just to be on a team with a strong defense," he said. "It doesn't get any better than that."

Making the loss even worse for the Giants, wide receiver Sterling Shepard tore an Achilles tendon late in the game.

This has been a strange season for the Cowboys (10-4), who also got a touchdown pass from Dak Prescott and a 13-year TD run by Ezekiel Elliott in winning their third straight game, all on the road.

The Dallas offense, which also got three field goals from Greg Zuerlein, carried the team for the first six or seven games. The defense has shouldered the burden since.

Graham Gano kicked field goals of 35 and 42 yards as the Giants (4-10) lost their third straight game with backup Mike Glennon starting for the injured Daniel Jones (neck).

This game was not as close as the score. The Cowboys never trailed, and the Giants never looked threatening against a defense that also got interceptions from Jourdan Lewis and Malik Hooker.

Lewis' pick came after Lawrence hit Glennon as he was throwing. It led to Elliott's TD run on a draw. Prescott's 1-yard TD pass to Dalton Schultz capped a short third-quarter drive that started after Lawrence and Neville Gallimore stuffed Glennon on a fourth-and-1 sneak from the New York 29.

Prescott finished 28 of 37 for 217 yards. Schultz caught all eight of his targets for 67 yards.

Sidelined by a broken foot most of the season, Lawrence set up 10 of the 15 first-half points. His hit on Saquon Barkley forced a fumble that Carlos Watkins recovered at the Giants 46 with 41 seconds left in the half. Zuerlein, who missed the extra point after the Elliott touchdown, hit a 27-yard field goal, his third of the half. He also converted from 26 and 42 yards, but missed two extra points kicking into a crosswind.

"Amazing. I expect DeMarcus to do that every game," Diggs said. "You know, he's still very much the leader of the defense. He's a veteran. He is still our guy. So I expect that from him all the time. He's a great player."

The three interceptions gave Dallas a league-high 23 picks.

"Self-inflicted wounds," said Glennon, who finished 13 of 24 for 99 yards with three interceptions before being relieved by Jake Fromm. "There were a couple of times we did move the ball well and then just ended up with field goals, and then a couple of kind of dumb decisions on my end forcing the ball that were not good decisions."

Dolphins linebacker Jerome Baker sacks Jets quarterback Zach Wilson in the second half Sunday at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens. **JOHN MCCALL/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL**

DOLPHINS 31, JETS 24

Jets landing in last place yet again in the AFC East

Back at the bottom of the division for the 5th time in last 6 seasons

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — The Jets are finishing in last place.

Again.

It's now official: New York will end the season alone at the bottom of the AFC East. The Jets were locked into that spot Sunday, their 31-24 loss to Miami sending them to 3-11 on the season and four games behind the Dolphins in the standings with only three games remaining.

This will be the fifth time in the last six seasons that the Jets finish last in their division. The only other team on such a dismal pace is Jacksonville, which lost to Houston on Sunday to fall to 2-12 and into last place in the AFC South, now well on its way to a fifth last-place finish in that six-year span.

"I thought we had some good opportunities there for plays," Jets quarterback Zach Wilson said.

They did, just not enough. The Jets' last offensive play of the game was a microcosm of the season: They needed 10 yards to keep the drive alive, and got 9. A couple of kneel-downs by Miami later, and it was over.

Things had looked hopeful for the Jets. They had a halftime lead for the first time all season, 17-10, yet couldn't finish things off.

"We could never get anything rolling in the second half when it comes to sustaining drives," Jets coach Robert Saleh said.

Dolphins running back Duke Johnson tied it early in the third with a 6-yard run to cap an eight-play, 76-yard drive, and Christian Wilkins gave Miami a 24-17 lead 33 seconds into the fourth quarter with a 1-yard TD catch. Tua Tagovailoa's pick-6 throw cost Miami the lead, but then his 11-yard touchdown pass to DeVante Parker with 3:37 left capped the scoring.

It can't be a surprise that the latest rebuilding project for the Jets wasn't a speedy mission for Saleh, their first-year coach. Turnarounds take time, especially in the NFL.

"The underlying message is that this is December football," Saleh said. "You had a Dolphins team trying to stay in the playoff hunt.

"We got everything they had. We gave them everything we had, and I promise you, they gave it right back."

Saleh's is the fourth regime the Jets have tried during their current playoff drought, which is now up to 11 seasons and counting. Rex Ryan and the Jets were last in the AFC East in 2014, his final season with the club. Todd Bowles couldn't steer the Jets higher than a last-place finish in three of his four seasons. Adam Gase was there for two years; he finished third in Year 1, fourth last season.

Jets safety Elijah Riley was taken off the field on a backboard after being injured during the third quarter. Riley's head was stabilized before he was removed from the field on a cart. Thankfully, it all ended up being precautionary: Saleh said Riley would return to New York with the Jets on Sunday night.

PATRIOTS LATE SATURDAY

Uncharacteristic miscues cost Patriots in loss at Indianapolis

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bill Belichick relied on his characteristically short, sharp answers to explain what went wrong Saturday night at Indianapolis.

Too many mistakes. Not enough plays being made.

As a result, the Patriots' seven-game winning streak ended and their reign atop the AFC has at least been temporarily put on hold after a 27-17 loss to the rival Colts.

"Obviously we didn't do anything well enough to win," Belichick said. "We didn't play well, didn't coach well, penalties, interceptions, played from behind the whole game. Nothing really good enough. It's disappointing, but we'll move on."

For a team and a coach whose success has largely been the result of consistency and precision over the years, this was about as stunning as it gets. The Patriots (9-5) didn't do much right.

Their first possession was derailed by two penalties that eventually forced them into third-and-long and a punt. The next series ended with a special teams breakdown that led to a blocked punt, which Colts linebacker E.J. Speed recovered in the end zone for a 14-0 lead.

A third consecutive punt helped Indy extend the margin to 17-0, and just when it appeared the Patriots might be getting their mojo back late in the half, Darius Leonard picked off rookie quarterback Mac Jones inside the Colts 5-yard line — the first red-zone interception of Jones' NFL career.

The impact was crushing as the Pats' NFL record 99-game streak of scoring in the first half came to an end.

"It's frustrating. There's no excuse for it," special teams ace Matthew Slater said. "There's just no excuse for the way we came out, flat. Uncharacteristic penalties, basic stuff that we got beat on. Fundamentally not being sound. That's disappointing to come out and perform like that."

While Belichick tried to make some of his trademark halftime adjustments, nothing really worked.

Jones threw a second interception early in the third quarter that led to another Indy field goal, and the penalties continued piling up. Safety Kyle Dugger was ejected after ripping the helmet off Colts receiver Michael Pittman Jr. Both players threw punches, and Pittman was also ejected.

A false start on third-and-goal from the Colts 2 and a subsequent incompletion on the next play forced Belichick to settle for a short field goal rather than attempting to score a touchdown to make it a six-point game.

And the Colts (8-6) made the Patriots pay a stiff price for all the miscues.

"Our guys came ready to play, and we played well in all three phases," Indianapolis coach Frank Reich said, who noted both teams were sloppy at times. "It wasn't perfect in any phase but when you play the best teams in the league, that's how you win football games."

And then after giving up 122 yards rushing in the first half, the Patriots made the biggest mistake of all when they needed a late stop to get one last chance.

But instead of taking Jonathan Taylor to the ground, New England overran the play, Taylor made a cut to elude the tackle and sprinted 67 yards with 2:01 left — sealing the Patriots' fate.

The Colts' Matthew Adams, right, blocks a punt by tht Patriots' Jake Bailey on Saturday night in Indianapolis. The Colts' E.J. Speed ran the ball back for a touchdown. **AARON DOSTER/AP**

NFL

AFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	9	5	0	.643	367	227	3-4-0	6-1-0	7-2-0	2-3-0	3-1-0
Buffalo	8	6	0	.571	394	243	4-3-0	4-3-0	5-5-0	3-1-0	3-1-0
Miami	7	7	0	.500	285	312	5-3-0	2-4-0	5-5-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
e-N.Y. Jets	3	11	0	.214	250	428	2-5-0	1-6-0	3-7-0	0-4-0	0-5-0
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Tennessee	9	5	0	.643	337	309	5-2-0	4-3-0	6-4-0	3-1-0	4-1-0
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	398	300	4-4-0	4-2-0	7-3-0	1-3-0	3-2-0
e-Houston	3	11	0	.214	207	372	1-6-0	2-5-0	3-7-0	0-4-0	3-2-0
e-Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	196	370	2-6-0	0-6-0	2-7-0	0-5-0	0-5-0
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	334	315	5-2-0	3-4-0	5-5-0	3-1-0	1-3-0
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	369	303	3-4-0	5-2-0	6-3-0	2-3-0	3-1-0
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	278	289	5-2-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	3-1-0	2-2-0
Pittsburgh	7	6	1	.536	291	335	5-2-1	2-4-0	5-4-0	2-2-1	2-2-0
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Kansas City	10	4	0	.714	385	296	6-2-0	4-2-0	5-4-0	5-0-0	4-1-0
L.A. Chargers	8	6	0	.571	379	370	4-4-0	4-2-0	5-4-0	3-2-0	2-2-0
Denver	7	7	0	.500	285	243	4-4-0	3-3-0	3-6-0	4-1-0	1-2-0
Las Vegas	6	7	0	.462	283	360	3-4-0	3-3-0	4-4-0	2-3-0	1-3-0

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Dallas	10	4	0	.714	401	293	4-2-0	6-2-0	2-3-0	8-1-0	4-0-0
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	337	291	1-4-0	5-3-0	2-3-0	4-4-0	0-2-0
Washington	6	7	0	.462	266	324	3-4-0	3-3-0	1-4-0	5-3-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	4	10	0	.286	238	331	3-4-0	1-6-0	1-4-0	3-6-0	1-3-0
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Tampa Bay	10	3	0	.769	410	297	6-0-0	4-3-0	4-0-0	6-3-0	2-1-0
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	304	285	2-4-0	4-3-0	2-2-0	4-5-0	1-2-0
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	258	384	1-5-0	5-3-0	3-1-0	3-7-0	2-3-0
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	271	313	2-5-0	3-4-0	2-3-0	3-6-0	2-1-0
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	359	302	6-0-0	5-3-0	3-1-0	8-2-0	3-1-0
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	344	333	4-2-0	2-5-0	2-3-0	4-4-0	2-1-0
Chicago	4	9	0	.308	231	332	2-4-0	2-5-0	2-3-0	2-6-0	2-2-0
e-Detroit	2	11	1	.179	243	366	2-5-0	0-6-1	0-4-1	2-7-0	1-4-0
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**	**Home**	**Away**	**AFC**	**NFC**	**Div**
Arizona	10	4	0	.714	378	284	3-3-0	7-1-0	4-0-0	6-4-0	4-1-0
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	366	293	4-2-0	5-2-0	3-1-0	6-3-0	2-2-0
San Francisco	8	6	0	.571	360	314	3-4-0	5-2-0	2-1-0	6-5-0	1-4-0
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	272	262	2-4-0	3-4-0	3-2-0	2-6-0	2-2-0

e-Eliminated from playoffs

ROUNDUP

Lions shock Cardinals

News services

Kyler Murray had a shaky performance and that helped the Lions stun the Cardinals 30-12 on Sunday in Detroit.

The Cardinals (10-4) started the day tied for the NFL's best record and were undefeated on the road.

While the Lions (2-11-1) were mired at the bottom of the league standings before the first snap.

Murray was 23 of 41 for 257 yards with a TD and an interception, adding up to a 72.9 passer rating.

Lions QB Jared Goff completed 21 of 26 passes for 216 yards with three TDs.

Packers 31, Ravens 30: Aaron Rodgers threw three TD passes and the Packers became the first team this season to clinch a division title, wrapping up the NFC North with the road win. With Lamar Jackson out with a sprained ankle, Tyler Huntley nearly led the Ravens all the way back from a 31-17 deficit. His 8-yard TD run with 42 seconds left pulled the hosts within one, but Huntley's 2-point conversion pass was incomplete. It was the Ravens' third loss in a row. Rodgers, 38, reached 442 career TD passes, pulling him even with Brett Favre on top of the Packers' all-time list.

Steelers 19, Titans 13: Ben Roethlisberger ran for his first TD in three years, Chris Boswell made four FGs and the Steelers kept their playoff hopes alive with the home win. The Steelers forced four turnovers. Roethlisberger, 39, threw for 148 yards to move past Philip Rivers into fifth on the NFL's career yards passing list.

Bengals 15, Broncos 10: Khalid Kareem intercepted Broncos backup QB Drew Lock on second-and-goal in the fourth to help the visiting Bengals stay in the thick of the AFC playoff race. Lock was in for Teddy Bridgewater, who was taken to the hospital for a head injury. Bridgewater had movement in his extremities and he was expected to be OK.

Cowboys 21, Giants 6: DeMarcus Lawrence forced a fumble and made two other big plays that led to 15 points and the NFL-East leading Cowboys inched closer to a playoff berth with the road win. Dak Prescott threw for a TD, Ezekiel Elliott scored on a 13-yard run and the defense forced four turnovers, including Trevon Diggs' NFL-leading 10th INT. The Cowboys won their third straight.

Bills 31, Panthers 14: Josh Allen threw three TD passes and Devin Singletary ran for 86 yards and a score to lift the Bills at home. QB Cam Newton lost his 12th straight start for the Panthers.

Dolphins 31, Jets 24: DeVante Parker caught an 11-yard TD pass from Tua Tagovailoa for the decisive points and Duke Johnson rushed for a pair of scores as the host Dolphins became the second team in NFL history to get to 7-7 after starting a season 1-7.

Texans 30, Jaguars 16: Tremon Smith returned a kickoff 98 yards for a TD, ending the NFL' longest drought, and the visiting Texans ended a three-game skid. Smith's TD was the Texans' first kickoff return for a score since 2009. The Jags lost their sixth straight.

49ers 31, Falcons 13: Jimmy Garoppolo threw for 235 yards and a TD and the host 49ers ran for three scores to win for the fifth time in six games. The 49ers remained in wild-card position as the sixth-place team in the NFC.

Jalen Reeves-Maybin chases after Cardinals QB Kyler Murray during the Lions' 30-12 upset victory Sunday. **JOSE JUAREZ/AP**

WEEK 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Buffalo 31, Carolina 14
Dallas 21, N.Y. Giants 6
Detroit 30, Arizona 12
Houston 30, Jacksonville 16
Miami 31, N.Y. Jets 24
Pittsburgh 19, Tennessee 13
Cincinnati 15, Denver 10
San Francisco 31, Atlanta 13
Green Bay 31, Baltimore 30
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 5p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:15p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 7p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULT
Kansas City 34, L.A. Chargers 28, OT

SATURDAY'S RESULT
Indianapolis 27, New England 17

WEEK 16

THURSDAY, DEC. 23
San Francisco at Tennessee, 8:20p.m.
SATURDAY, DEC. 25
Cleveland at Green Bay, 4:30p.m.
Indianapolis at Arizona, 8:15p.m.
SUNDAY, DEC. 26
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 1p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Houston, 1p.m.
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 1p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 4:05p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:25p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 4:25p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 8:20p.m.
MONDAY, DEC. 27
Miami at New Orleans, 8:15p.m.

SUMMARIES

DETROIT 30, ARIZONA 12

Arizona	**0**	**0**	**6**	**6**	**—**	**12**
Detroit	**3**	**14**	**7**	**6**	**—**	**30**

First Quarter
Det: FG Patterson 37, 6:10.
Second Quarter
Det: St. Brown 37pass from Goff (Patterson kick), 14:53.
Det: J.Reynolds 22pass from Goff (Patterson kick), :19.
Third Quarter
Ari: FG Prater 29, 11:22.
Det: Cabinda 6pass from Goff (Patterson kick), 8:10.
Ari: FG Prater 29, 3:54.
Fourth Quarter
Det: FG Patterson 47, 13:15.
Ari: Kirk 26pass from K.Murray (pass failed), 4:40.
Det: FG Patterson 45, 2:46.
A: 45,211.

TEAM STATS	ARI	DET
First downs	23	22
Total net yards	398	338
Rushes-yards	21-105	34-126
Passing	293	212
Punt returns	2-18	2-24
Kickoff returns	3-79	1-17
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-50
Comp-att-int	29-50-1	21-26-0
Sacked-yards lost	2-20	2-4
Punts	3-44.0	3-44.333
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	7-83	6-49
Time of possession	28:08	31:52

RUSHING: Arizona, Edmonds 6-53, Conner 8-39, Ward 1-6, McCoy 1-3, K.Murray 4-3, Moore 1-1. Detroit, C.Reynolds 26-112, Jefferson 5-9, St. Brown 1-5, Igwebuike 2-0.
PASSING: Arizona, K.Murray 23-41-1-257, McCoy 6-9-0-56. Detroit, Goff 21-26-0-216.
RECEIVING: Arizona, Kirk 9-94, Ertz 6-74, Green 4-64, Wesley 3-19, Moore 3-9, Conner 2-31, Isabella 1-13, Ward 1-9. Detroit, St. Brown 8-90, J.Reynolds 6-68, Raymond 2-20, Igwebuike 2-11, Zylstra 1-16, Cabinda 1-6, C.Reynolds 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: None.

CINCINNATI 15, DENVER 10

Cincinnati	**3**	**3**	**9**	**0**	**—**	**15**
Denver	**0**	**3**	**7**	**0**	**—**	**10**

First Quarter
Cin: FG McPherson 53, 6:34.
Second Quarter
Den: FG McManus 54, 10:44.
Cin: FG McPherson 58, :00.
Third Quarter
Cin: FG McPherson 26, 6:21.
Den: T.Patrick 25pass from Lock (McManus kick), 1:22.
Cin: Boyd 56pass from Burrow (pass failed), :30.
A: 76,134.

TEAM STATS	CIN	DEN
First downs	12	19
Total net yards	249	292
Rushes-yards	26-113	34-133
Passing	136	159
Punt returns	3-22	2-18
Kickoff returns	1-23	0-0
Interceptions ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	15-22-0	18-34-0
Sacked-yards lost	3-21	3-27
Punts	7-52.571	6-51.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	6-38	6-60
Time of possession	27:19	32:36

RUSHING: Cincinnati, Mixon 17-58, Perine 4-30, Burrow 5-25. Denver, J.Williams 15-72, Gordon 15-53, Bridgewater 3-10, Lock 1-(minus 2).
PASSING: Cincinnati, Burrow 15-22-0-157. Denver, Bridgewater 12-22-0-98, Lock 6-12-0-88.
RECEIVING: Cincinnati, Boyd 5-96, Uzomah 3-18, Higgins 2-23, Perine 2-13, Chase 1-3, Mixon 1-2, D.Sample 1-2. Denver, Fant 5-57, J.Williams 4-9, Okwuegbunam 3-58, T.Patrick 3-42, Sutton 2-12, Gordon 1-8.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Cincinnati, Pratt 9-6-.5, Bell 6-0-0, Bachie 5-1-0, Bates 4-1-0, Reader 4-1-0, Hilton 4-0-0, Ogunjobi 1-3-1.5. Denver, Griffith 7-1-0, Browning 6-4-0, Cooper 4-1-0, Surtain 3-2-0, Simmons 3-1-2, S.Harris 2-0-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: Denver, McManus 51.

DALLAS 21, N.Y. GIANTS 6

Dallas	**6**	**9**	**6**	**0**	**—**	**21**
N.Y. Giants	**3**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**6**

First Quarter
Dal: Elliott 13run (kick failed), 6:37.
NYG: FG Gano 35, :37.
Second Quarter
Dal: FG Zuerlein 26, 10:30.
Dal: FG Zuerlein 42, 1:39.
Dal: FG Zuerlein 27, :00.
Third Quarter
NYG: FG Gano 42, 12:05.
Dal: Schultz 1pass from Prescott (kick failed), 2:05.
A: 77,413.

TEAM STATS	DAL	NYG
First downs	23	15
Total net yards	328	302
Rushes-yards	30-125	24-124
Passing	203	178
Punt returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns	2-50	1-15
Interceptions ret.	3-18	0-0
Comp-att-int	28-37-0	19-36-3
Sacked-yards lost	3-14	1-3
Punts	4-40.0	2-50.5
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	6-45	6-34
Time of possession	33:23	26:37

RUSHING: Dallas, Pollard 12-74, Elliott 16-52, Prescott 2-(minus 1). N.Y. Giants, Booker 8-74, Barkley 15-50, Glennon 1-0.
PASSING: Dallas, Prescott 28-37-0-217. N.Y. Giants, Glennon 13-24-3-99, Fromm 6-12-0-82.
RECEIVING: Dallas, Schultz 8-67, Lamb 6-50, Gallup 3-32, Elliott 3-20, Pollard 3-13, Sprinkle 2-21, Cooper 2-8, Turner 1-6. N.Y. Giants, Engram 4-33, Barkley 4-24, Golladay 3-53, Slayton 2-23, Shepard 2-15, Booker 2-8, C.Johnson 1-16, Rudolph 1-9.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Dallas, Hooker 5-1-0, Lawrence 4-1-0. N.Y. Giants, Love 8-2-0, Carter 3-1-2, J.Smith 3-1-0, Ojulari 2-2-.5.
INTERCEPTIONS: Dallas, Lewis 1-18, Diggs 1-0, Hooker 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: None.

HOUSTON 30, JACKSONVILLE 16

Houston	**14**	**6**	**3**	**7**	**—**	**30**
Jacksonville	**3**	**7**	**3**	**3**	**—**	**16**

First Quarter
Hou: Cooks 22pass from Mills (Fairbairn kick), 6:39.
Jac: FG Wright 22, 1:42.
Hou: T.Smith 98kickoff return (Fairbairn kick), 1:26.
Second Quarter
Jac: J.Robinson 1run (Wright kick), 12:09.
Hou: FG Fairbairn 52, 3:06.
Hou: FG Fairbairn 51, :00.
Third Quarter
Hou: FG Fairbairn 25, 10:39.
Jac: FG Wright 38, 4:47.
Fourth Quarter
Jac: FG Wright 35, 11:18.
Hou: Cooks 43pass from Mills (Fairbairn kick), 2:22.
A: 60,252.

TEAM STATS	HOU	JAC
First downs	13	21
Total net yards	281	296
Rushes-yards	26-75	25-107
Passing	206	189
Punt returns	3-31	3-49
Kickoff returns	2-121	2-36
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-3
Comp-att-int	19-30-1	22-38-0
Sacked-yards lost	1-3	3-21
Punts	4-48.25	5-47.4
Penalties-yards	9-65	4-40
Time of possession	29:59	29:53

RUSHING: Hou, Burkhead 16-41, D.Johnson 6-24, Freeman 3-8, Mills 1-2. Jacksonville, J.Robinson 18-75, Lawrence 5-21, Shenault 1-10, Ogunbowale 1-1.
PASSING: Houston, Mills 19-30-1-209. Jacksonville, Lawrence 22-38-0-210.
RECEIVING: Houston, Cooks 7-102, Dorsett 2-43, Akins 2-24, N.Collins 2-14, Conley 2-12, Brown 2-5, Burkhead 1-6, D.Johnson 1-3. Jacksonville, Treadwell 6-57, O'Shaughnessy 4-60, Shenault 4-39, J.Robinson 3-13, M.Jones 2-14, Austin 1-11, Manhertz 1-11, Ogunbowale 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: None.

MIAMI 31, N.Y. JETS 24

N.Y. Jets	**10**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**—**	**24**
Miami	**0**	**10**	**7**	**14**	**—**	**31**

First Quarter
NYJ: Berrios 2run (Pineiro kick), 7:02.
NYJ: FG Pineiro 27, 4:30.
Second Quarter
Mia: D.Johnson 1run (Sanders kick), 13:43.
NYJ: Z.Wilson 1run (Pineiro kick), 9:29.
Mia: FG Sanders 24, 1:59.
Third Quarter
Mia: D.Johnson 6run (Sanders kick), 9:44.
Fourth Quarter
Mia: Wilkins 1pass from Tagovailoa (Sanders kick), 14:08.
NYJ: Echols 20interception return (Pineiro kick), 7:45.
Mia: Parker 11pass from Tagovailoa (Sanders kick), 3:37.
A: 66,035.

TEAM STATS	NYJ	MIA
First downs	16	23
Total net yards	228	379
Rushes-yards	24-102	42-183
Passing	126	196
Punt returns	2-23	1-5
Kickoff returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions ret.	2-38	0-0
Comp-att-int	13-24-0	16-27-2
Sacked-yards lost	6-44	1-0
Punts	6-46.5	3-53.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	3-32	5-45
Time of possession	25:38	34:22

RUSHING: N.Y. Jets, Coleman 8-50, Carter 8-18, Walter 2-12, Wilson 4-12, Berrios 2-10. Miami, D.Johnson 22-107, Gaskin 10-54, Tagovailoa 7-19, Brissett 1-2, Wilson 1-1, Fejedelem 1-0.
PASSING: N.Y. Jets, Wilson 13-23-0-170, Cole 0-1-0-0. Miami, Tagovailoa 16-27-2-196.
RECEIVING: NYJ, Crowder 5-40, Griffin 2-39, Kroft 2-35, Berrios 1-26, Wesco 1-19, Cole 1-9, Carter 1-2. Mia, Gesicki 5-43, Parker 4-68, Ford 3-51, D.Johnson 1-20, Wilson 1-9, Smythe 1-4, Wilkins 1-1.

SAN FRANCISCO 31, ATLANTA 13

Atlanta	**3**	**7**	**3**	**0**	**—**	**13**
San Francisco	**3**	**14**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**31**

First Quarter
Atl: FG Koo 48, 7:12.
SF: FG Gould 30, 1:21.
Second Quarter
SF: Juszczyk 6run (Gould kick), 9:14.
Atl: Gage 20pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 4:00.
SF: Samuel 10run (Gould kick), :33.
Third Quarter
SF: Je.Wilson 5run (Gould kick), 11:11.
Atl: FG Koo 22, 6:28.
SF: Jennings 4pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 1:17.
A: 71,650.

TEAM STATS	ATL	SF
First downs	13	23
Total net yards	275	397
Rushes-yards	23-62	32-162
Passing	213	235
Punt returns	1-23	2-8
Kickoff returns	4-103	2-13
Interceptions ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	19-32-0	18-24-0
Sacked-yards lost	3-23	0-0
Punts	2-49.5	4-49.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-yards	4-29	5-35
Time of possession	29:15	30:27

RUSHING: Atlanta, Davis 6-21, Ryan 5-20, Patterson 11-18, Ollison 1-3. San Francisco, Je.Wilson 21-110, Samuel 6-29, Hasty 1-13, Juszczyk 1-6, Garoppolo 3-4.
PASSING: Atlanta, Ryan 19-32-0-236. San Francisco, Garoppolo 18-23-0-235, Samuel 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: Atlanta, Gage 8-91, K.Pitts 4-77, Zaccheaus 2-53, Hurst 2-6, Patterson 2-5, Ollison 1-4. San Francisco, Kittle 6-93, Samuel 4-60, Jennings 3-28, Je.Wilson 2-9, Aiyuk 1-36, Juszczyk 1-6, Hasty 1-3.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Atlanta, Oluokun 7-3-0, Jones 5-2-0, Harmon 4-2-0. San Francisco, Warner 6-3-0, Armstead 5-0-0, Norman 4-0-0, Ebukam 3-0-1, Bosa 1-0-1, Key 1-0-1.

BUFFALO 31, CAROLINA 14

Carolina	**0**	**8**	**0**	**6**	**—**	**14**
Buffalo	**0**	**17**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**31**

Second Quarter
Buf: Singletary 16run (Bass kick), 14:13.
Buf: Diggs 11pass from Allen (Bass kick), 9:41.
Car: Newton 4run (DJ.Moore pass from Newton), 1:48.
Buf: FG Bass 26, :00.
Third Quarter
Buf: Davis 20pass from Allen (Bass kick), 5:52.
Fourth Quarter
Car: Abdullah 23pass from Newton (run failed), 11:01.
Buf: Davis 14pass from Allen (Bass kick), 2:07.
A: 65,398.

TEAM STATS	CAR	BUF
First downs	19	21
Total net yards	275	312
Rushes-yards	29-151	27-119
Passing	124	193
Punt returns	1-16	2-31
Kickoff returns	4-70	3-49
Interceptions ret.	1-0	1-12
Comp-att-int	18-38-1	19-34-1
Sacked-yards lost	4-32	4-17
Punts	4-45.5	5-37.6
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	5-55	8-67
Time of possession	31:25	28:35

RUSHING: Carolina, Newton 15-71, Hubbard 8-40, Anderson 2-33, Abdullah 4-7. Buffalo, Singletary 22-86, Allen 3-24, McKenzie 1-8, Breida 1-1.
PASSING: Carolina, Newton 18-38-1-156. Buffalo, Allen 19-34-1-210.
RECEIVING: Carolina, DJ.Moore 6-48, Abdullah 4-48, Anderson 3-29, Zylstra 2-17, Tremble 1-8, Thomas 1-5, Hubbard 1-1. Buffalo, Davis 5-85, Knox 4-38, Beasley 4-35, Diggs 4-35, Singletary 1-10, McKenzie 1-7.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Car, Chinn 5-2-0, Gross-Matos 2-3-2.5 Buf, Jackson 5-2-0, T.Johnson 3-1-1, Obada 3-0-2.
INTERCEPTIONS: Carolina, Chinn 1-0. Buffalo, Klein 1-12.

SEASON SACK LEADERS

PLAYER	TM	SK	QBH
T.J. Watt	PIT	16.0	27
Myles Garrett	CLE	15.0	28
Nick Bosa	SFO	14.0	28
Robert Quinn	CHI	14.0	16
Trey Hendrickson	CIN	12.5	20
Matt Judon	NWE	12.5	25
Micah Parsons	DAL	12.0	27
Harold Landry	TEN	11.0	20
Haason Reddick	CAR	10.5	17
Aaron Donald	LAR	10.0	20
Markus Golden	ARI	10.0	16
Joey Bosa	LAC	9.5	20
Chandler Jones	ARI	9.5	22
Shaquil Barrett	TAM	9.0	20
Yannick Ngakoue	LVR	9.0	17
Jaelan Phillips	MIA	8.5	16
Brian Burns	CAR	8.0	16
Leonard Floyd	LAR	8.0	15
Jonathan Greenard	HOU	8.0	12
Jonathan Allen	WAS	7.5	25
Javon Hargrave	PHI	7.5	16
Sam Hubbard	CIN	7.5	17
Azeez Ojulari	NYG	7.5	10
Jeffery Simmons	TEN	7.5	14
Chris Jones	KAN	7.0	14
Preston Smith	GNB	7.0	13
DeForest Buckner	IND	6.5	16
Rashan Gary	GNB	6.5	21
Cameron Heyward	PIT	6.5	12
Denico Autry	TEN	6.0	15
John Franklin-Myers	NYJ	6.0	12
Randy Gregory	DAL	6.0	14
Charles Harris	DET	6.0	13
Danielle Hunter	MIN	6.0	10
Khalil Mack	CHI	6.0	7
Emmanuel Ogbah	MIA	6.0	19
Ndamukong Suh	TAM	6.0	13
Darrell Taylor	SEA	6.0	11
Quinnen Williams	NYJ	6.0	12
Josh Allen	JAX	5.5	12
Tyus Bowser	BAL	5.5	13
Marcus Davenport	NOR	5.5	10
B.J. Hill	CIN	5.5	11
Dre'Mont Jones	DEN	5.5	10
Larry Ogunjobi	CIN	5.5	10

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GREEN BAY 31, BALTIMORE 30

Green Bay	**0**	**14**	**7**	**10**	**—**	**31**
Baltimore	**7**	**7**	**3**	**13**	**—**	**30**

First Quarter
Bal: Andrews 8pass from Huntley (Tucker kick), 2:33.
Second Quarter
GB: Dillon 2run (Crosby kick), 12:50.
Bal: Andrews 9pass from Huntley (Tucker kick), 7:07.
GB: Adams 3pass from Aa.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 1:09.
Third Quarter
GB: Jones 9pass from Aa.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 7:40.
Bal: FG Tucker 38, 3:20.
Fourth Quarter
GB: Valdes-Scantling 11pass from Aa.Rodgers (Crosby kick), 12:54.
GB: FG Crosby 29, 9:26.
Bal: Huntley 3run (Tucker kick), 4:47.
Bal: Huntley 8run (pass failed), :42.

TEAM STATS	GB	BAL
First downs	26	24
Total net yards	346	354
Rushes-yards	25-96	26-143
Passing	250	211
Punt returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns	5-76	4-105
Interceptions ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	23-31-0	28-40-0
Sacked-yards lost	3-18	1-4
Punts	3-48.667	1-42.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	8-76	8-56
Time of possession	31:10	28:50

RUSHING: Green Bay, Jones 13-58, Dillon 7-22, Aa.Rodgers 4-11, Lazard 1-5. Baltimore, Huntley 13-73, Murray 7-48, Freeman 6-22.
PASSING: Green Bay, Aa.Rodgers 23-31-0-268. Baltimore, Huntley 28-40-0-215.
RECEIVING: Green Bay, Adams 6-44, Valdes-Scantling 5-98, Lewis 3-40, Deguara 3-16, Lazard 2-23, Jones 2-12, T.Davis 1-22, Dillon 1-13. Baltimore, Andrews 10-136, Brown 10-43, Duvernay 3-13, Proche 1-8, Bateman 1-5, Wallace 1-5, Murray 1-3, Freeman 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: None.

THURSDAY'S GAME: KANSAS CITY 34, L.A. CHARGERS 28, OT

Kansas City	**7**	**3**	**3**	**15**	**6**	**—**	**34**
L.A. Chargers	**0**	**14**	**0**	**14**	**0**	**—**	**28**

First Quarter
KC: Burton 7run (Butker kick), 7:34.
Second Quarter
KC: FG Butker 30, 14:48.
LAC: Herbert 1run (Hopkins kick), 9:12.
LAC: Guyton 4pass from Herbert (Hopkins kick), 3:15.
Third Quarter
KC: FG Butker 33, 12:12.
Fourth Quarter
LAC: Ekeler 2run (Hopkins kick), 9:29.
KC: T.Hill 1pass from Mahomes (Edwards-Helaire pass from Mahomes), 7:44.
LAC: Allen 8pass from Herbert (Hopkins kick), 2:19.
KC: Kelce 7pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 1:16.
First Overtime
KC: Kelce 34pass from Mahomes, 8:45.

TEAM STATS	KC	LAC
First downs	26	28
Total net yards	496	428
Rushes-yards	20-86	39-192
Passing	410	236
Punt returns	1-8	0-0
Kickoff returns	1-19	1-75
Interceptions ret.	1-0	1-2
Comp-att-int	31-47-1	22-39-1
Sacked-yards lost	1-0	0-0
Punts	1-32.0	1-41.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-36	5-60
Time of possession	28:12	33:03

RUSHING: KC, Mahomes 3-32, Edwards-Helaire 9-32, Williams 5-12, Burton 1-7, Bell 1-3, Hardman 1-0. LAC, Jackson 13-86, Ekeler 12-59, Kelley 7-21, Herbert 5-16, Roberts 1-6, Nabers 1-4.
PASSING: KC, Mahomes 31-47-1-410. L.A. Chargers, Herbert 22-38-1-236, Allen 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: Kansas City, Hill 12-148, Kelce 10-191, Pringle 3-22, Burton 2-20, Edwards-Helaire 2-18, Hardman 2-11. L.A. Chargers, Allen 6-78, Ekeler 4-23, Williams 3-49, Cook 3-32, Guyton 2-10, Palmer 1-15, Jackson 1-13, Anderson 1-12, McKitty 1-4.

PITTSBURGH 19, TENNESSEE 13

Tennessee	**10**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**—**	**13**
Pittsburgh	**0**	**3**	**7**	**9**	**—**	**19**

First Quarter
Ten: Tannehill 1run (Bullock kick), 7:41.
Ten: FG Bullock 26, 1:13.
Second Quarter
Pit: FG Boswell 36, 10:35.
Ten: FG Bullock 32, :18.
**Third Qu

WEATHER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Sunshine mixing with a few fair weather clouds, chilly. West to northwest wind at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly to mostly sunny, not quite as chilly.	Considerable cloudiness, slight chance for a rain or snow shower.	Mostly sunny and chilly. Chance for a few flurries at night.	Partly sunny and chilly. Some light rain or a light wintry mix is possible overnight.
HIGH 37° LOW 23°	HIGH 43° LOW 25°	HIGH 40° LOW 24°	HIGH 36° LOW 23°	HIGH 38° LOW 32°

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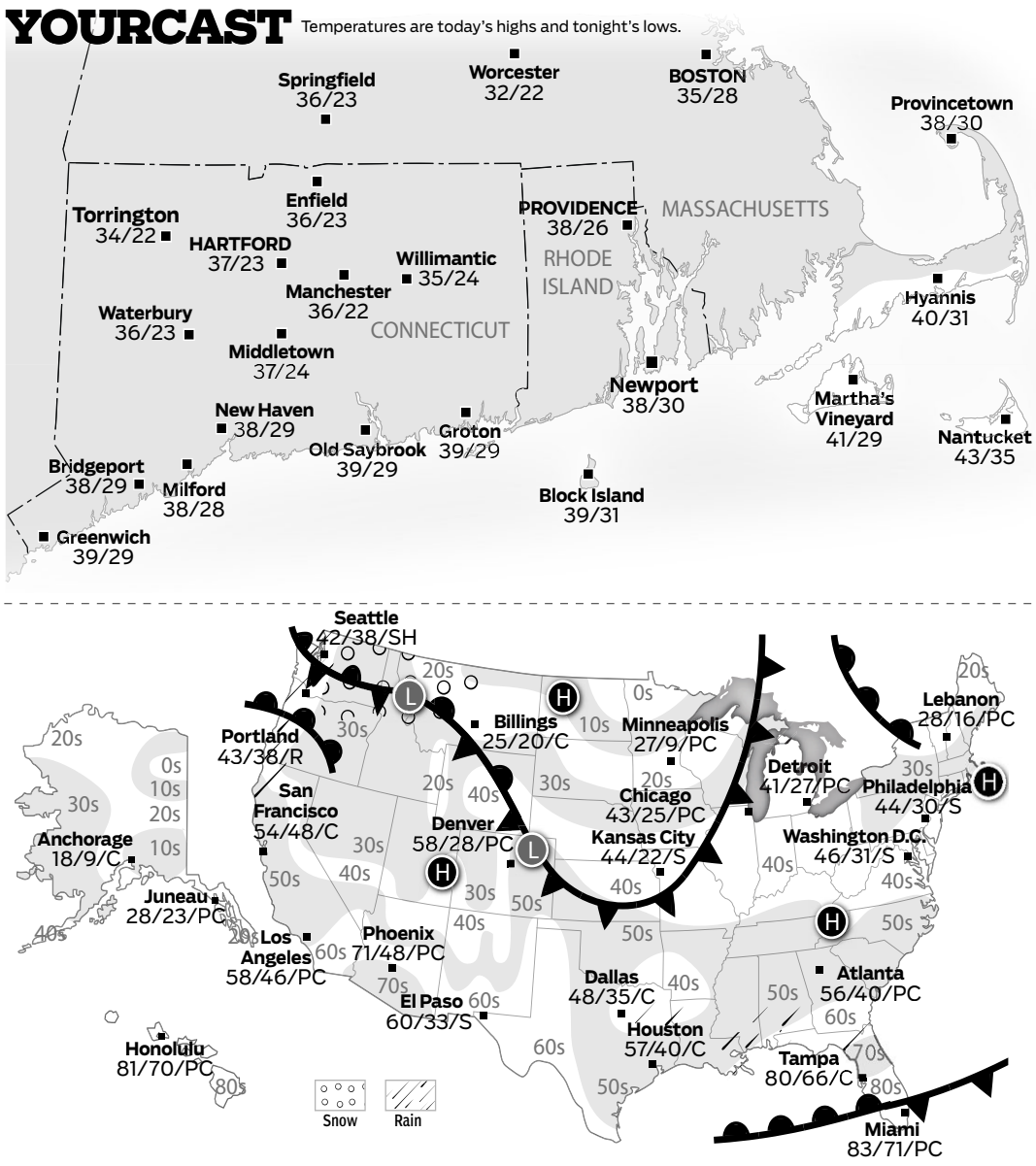
Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

The winter solstice officially arrives Tuesday at 10:59 a.m., but it will feel like winter on Monday with highs in the 30s for most of the state after morning lows in the teens and 20s. There will be a brief spell of somewhat milder readings Tuesday and Wednesday, before more cold air spills into the state. While it will seem quite chilly today, it won't even compare to the cold in the upper Midwest where highs today will only be in the single digits and teens. There is some potential for a white Christmas, but the track of the storm will be critical to it being snow, rain, a mixture or even a miss.

-Gary Lessor

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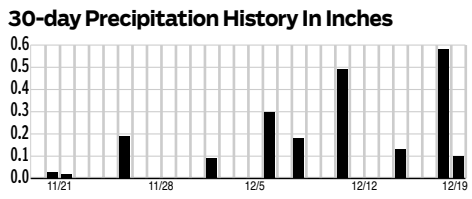
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.50	0.12
Month to date	1.87	2.59
Total this year	53.86	45.56
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.4
Total this year	2.1	7.4

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	Low	10°
33	1	
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Wind Chill Today

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:14 a.m.
Sunset	4:22 p.m.	4:23 p.m.
Moonrise	5:31 p.m.	6:29 p.m.
Moonset	8:39 a.m.	9:24 a.m.

Moon Phase

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 26	Jan 2	Jan 9	Jan 17

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:02 a.m. 10:30 p.m.	3:48 a.m. 4:38 p.m.	51°
Saybrook Jetty	11:13 a.m. 11:41 p.m.	4:41 a.m. 5:31 p.m.	48°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:40 a.m. 1:56 p.m.	8:27 a.m. 9:17 p.m.	
Madison	11:28 a.m. p.m.	5:11 a.m. 5:48 p.m.	47°
New Haven	11:48 a.m. p.m.	5:35 a.m. 6:12 p.m.	46°
Stamford	11:52 a.m. p.m.	5:49 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	48°

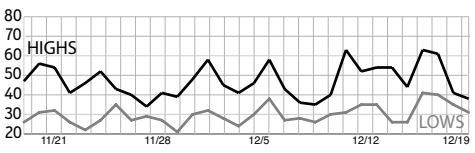
River Stage at Hartford: 6.47 feet at 5:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	N/SW, 5-10	N/SW, 5-10	N/SW, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	38 at 7:06 a.m	29 at 4:51 p.m
Normal for date	40	24
Record for date	54 in 1949	-3 in 1942
A year ago	27	1
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Dec 19	1453	1752	1588

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.16 at 6 p.m.	29.80 at 2 a.m.
Dew point	35° at 6 a.m.	18° at 6 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND											
Bangor	28	18	PC	Baltimore	45	23	S	Nashville	53	35	PC
Burlington	29	26	PC	Bismarck	17	10	PC	New Orleans	56	44	C
Caribou	21	16	PC	Boise	33	10	C	New York	43	30	S
Concord	31	15	PC	Buffalo	41	30	PC	Okla. City	55	30	PC
Montpelier	26	19	PC	Charleston	54	46	PC	Omaha	36	16	PC
Mt. Wash.	17	7	PC	Cincinnati	47	28	S	Orlando	78	66	C
Portland	30	21	PC	Cleveland	46	29	PC	Pittsburgh	43	28	PC
Woods Hole	35	29	S	Indianapolis	46	28	S	Raleigh	52	32	S
NATION				Jacksonville	62	58	C	St. Louis	52	29	S
Albany	32	23	PC	Las Vegas	57	39	PC	Salt Lake City	37	20	PC
Albuquerque	53	28	PC	Miami Beach	80	73	PC	San Antonio	59	42	PC
Atlantic City	43	22	S	Milwaukee	42	21	PC	San Diego	61	48	PC
								San Juan	83	73	PC
								Tucson	70	43	S
								WORLD			
								Amsterdam	41	27	PC
								Athens	57	41	S
								Bangkok	86	66	S
								Barbados	84	77	C
								Beijing	54	25	S
								Beirut	57	55	R
								Berlin	37	30	PC
								Bermuda	70	64	R

Budapest	39	25	S	Kingston	90	75	S	Stockholm	30	18	SN
Buenos Aires	90	70	PC	Lisbon	63	57	R	Sydney	81	70	PC
Cairo	61	47	PC	London	45	39	C	Tel Aviv	58	52	R
Cancun	84	68	PC	Madrid	52	43	PC	Tokyo	54	37	S
Dubai	82	63	S	Mexico City	73	47	PC	Toronto	37	27	PC
Dublin	45	39	C	Milan	43	34	C	Vancouver	34	25	C
Edinburgh	41	34	C	Montreal	28	27	PC	Warsaw	34	21	S
Helsinki	16	3	S	Moscow	19	0	SN				
Hong Kong	66	61	SH	Nassau	84	70	SH				
Istanbul	46	34	R	New Delhi	64	43	PC				
Jerusalem	48	43	SH	Paris	45	32	C				
Johannesburg	73	57	T	Prague	37	28	C				
				Rio de Janeiro	90	70	C				
				Rome	55	39	C				
				Seoul	50	36	C				
				Singapore	93	75	T				

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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LOCAL SCOREBOARD

Saturday's late high school results

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-Inter
BRISTOL CENTRAL 55, SOUTHINGTON 28
BRISTOL CENTRAL (1-0): Victor Rosa 1-0-2, Damian Glasper 5-6-16, Tre Blair 0-0-0, Steven Alseph 1-0-2, Mason Stokes 1-0-3, Carson Rivoira 2-3-7, Donovan Clingan 11-2-24. Totals 21-12-55.
SOUTHINGTON (0-1): Raysean Epps 1-0-2, Eli Whitehead 0-0-0, Luke Penna 3-0-6, Aidan Buck 1-3-6, Ryan Hammarlund 5-0-13, Nathan Cofrancesco 0-0-0, Ian Beierle 0-0-0, Carson Lentini 1-0-2. Totals 11-3-29.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 56, MORGAN 52 (OT)
MORGAN (0-2): Maeve Madura 2-2-6, Caeley Ayer 8-3-22, Ava Johnson 4-2-13, Katie Martin 3-0-7, Sofie Passante 1-0-2, Victoria O'Neill 1-0-2. Totals 19-7-52.
NORTH BRANFORD (1-2): Senerchia 1-0-3, Pearson 1-0-2, LeBeau 14-1-29, Criscuolo 4-3-11, Norman 1-0-2, Lucibello 1-0-2, Ricardo 3-0-7. Totals 25-4-56.
M; 11; 13; 7; 16; 5; —; 52
NB; 12; 10; 15; 10; 9; —; 56
Note: O'Neill had 9 blocks and Ayer had 8 steals, 5 assists.

BOYS HOCKEY

CCC-South
ROCKY HILL CO-OP 7, NORTHEASTERN 1
RH; 1; 5; 1; —; 7
N; 0; 0; 1; —; 1
Goals: RH—Connor Konopka (3), Brody Davidson, Dominick Violette, Jacob Nelson, Owen Davidson; **N—**Austin Jones. **Saves: RH—**Aaron McLeod, 24; **N—**Bauer Cardeiro Larkin and Ryan Murphy, 26. Rec.: **RH—**1-1; **N—**0-1. **Note:** Konopka, B. Davidson and Nelson each had 2 assists.
CCC-Inter
WETHERSFIELD 2, SIMSBURY 0
S; 0; 0; 0; —; 0
W; 0; 0; 2; —; 2
Goals: W—Colby Quinn, Will McCarter. **Saves: W—**Matthew Ruck, 33; **S—**Justin Loveland, 37. Rec.: **W—**1-1; **S—**1-1.
SCC/SWC
LYMAN HALL 6, CHESHIRE 5
C; 0; 4; 1; —; 5
LH; 3; 1; 2; —; 6
Goals: LH—Dylan Gay (3), Zachary Pettit, Ryan Arduini, Jack Roberts; **C—**Colin Veivia (2), Will Gaudet, Damon Zurolo, Zachary Olson. **Saves: LH—**Dylan Forio, 12; **C—**Amaan Chaudhry, 17. Rec.: **LH—**2-0; **C—**0-2.
Others
SGWL 9, HOUSATONIC CO-OP 5
S; 4; 3; 2; —; 9
H; 0; 3; 2; —; 5
Goals: S—Jordan Blais (3), Austin Renggli (2), Ryan Martineau, Colby Esposito, Caleb Roy, Ben Wosko; **H—**Cole Mollica (2), Sam Holt (2), Zim McAuliffe. **Saves: S—**Hunter Bascove, 21; **H—**David Layer, 24. Rec.: **S—**1-1; **H—**0-2.

GIRLS HOCKEY

CCC
EAST CATHOLIC CO-OP 3, SUFFIELD CO-OP 2
EC; 0; 1; 2; —; 3
S; 1; 0; 1; —; 2
Goals: EC—Meghan Croyle, Lexi Pacheco, Maddie Archambeault; **S—**Kylie Downs, Natalie Ewald. **Saves: EC—**Kelsey Kowal, 26; **S—**Teagan Mabrysmith, 27. Rec.: **EC—**1-0-2; **S—**0-3.

WRESTLING

Others
Frank Chaves Invitational (Simsbury)
Team **results:** 1. Simsbury, 248.5; 2. Coventry 229.5; 3. New Milford, 129; 4. Cumberland (R.I.), 126; 5. Ridgefield, 107; 6. Hall, 96; 7. Minnechaug (Mass.), 94; 8. Canton, 83; 9. Newington, 60; 10. Maloney, 55; 11. North Smithfield (R.I.), 16; 12. Granby, 6.
CJ McCormack Tournament (Berlin)
Team **results:** 1. Foran, 238; 2. Avon, 193.5; 3. Berlin, 189.5; 4. Plainville, 141; 5. Farmington, 128; 6. Bristol Eastern, 121; 7. East Haven, 103; 8. Suffield/Windsor Locks, 86; 9. Brookfield, 77.
Pomperaug Quads (Southbury)
BACON ACADEMY 36, PORTLAND 30
BACON ACADEMY 42, NONNEWAUG 30
BACON ACADEMY 42, TERRYVILLE/THOMASTON 30
POMPERAUG 48, BACON ACADEMY 24
SHEPAUG 12, BACON ACADEMY 0
WATERTOWN 6, BACON ACADEMY 0
Monday's high school schedule
ALL GAMES AT 6:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BOYS BASKETBALL

CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Berlin
CCC-**West:** Hall at Simsbury
CCC-**Inter:** East Hartford at Farmington; Newington at Manchester; Enfield at New Britain; Southington at Windsor; Avon at Bristol Eastern; Middletown at Glastonbury; Hartford Public at Northwest Catholic; Maloney at Tolland; Plainville at Bulkeley, 7:15 p.m.; Bristol Central at East Catholic, 8 p.m.
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Old Saybrook, 7 p.m.
CTC: Cheney Tech at Ellis Tech, 6:30 p.m.
CRAL: Classical at Aerospace, 5:45 p.m.; Innovation at Weaver, 6 p.m.; University at Parish Hill, 6 p.m.
SCC: Hand at Law, 7 p.m.; Xavier at Notre Dame-West Haven, 7 p.m.
Others: Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 5:30 p.m.; Portland at Ellington; HMTCA at Conard; South Windsor at East Granby; Canton at Cromwell, 7 p.m.; Bolton at Windham Tech, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CCC-**North:** Windsor at Bloomfield, 5:15 p.m.; New Britain at Hartford Public, 5:30 p.m.; Newington at Wethersfield
CCC-**South:** Lewis Mills at Platt, 5:30 p.m.
CCC-**East:** Tolland at Enfield
CCC-**Inter:** Middletown at E.O. Smith; Plainville at Rocky Hill; South Windsor at Southington; Maloney at Avon; RHAM at Bristol Central
NCCC: East Windsor at Stafford, 6 p.m.; Somers at Rockville
Shoreline: North Branford at Haddam-Killingworth, 7 p.m.; Old Saybrook at Coginchaug, 7 p.m.
CTC: Ellis Tech at Cheney Tech, 5:30 p.m.
CRAL: Aerospace at Civic Leadership, 4 p.m.; Parish Hill at Capital Prep, 4 p.m.; Weaver at Innovation, 6 p.m.; Achievement First at Classical, 7 p.m.
Others: Windham Tech at Bolton, 6 p.m.; Glastonbury at Greenwich, 6 p.m.; Windsor Locks at Seymour, 6 p.m.; Whitney Tech at Westbrook, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

SCC/**SWC:** Masuk at Sheehan, 6 p.m.
Others: Hand at South Windsor, 3:10 p.m.; Simsbury at New Canaan, 6 p.m.; Westhill/Stamford at Hall, 7:20 p.m.

WRESTLING

CCC-**West:** Simsbury at Hall, 6 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

SCC: SCC Girls Developmental 1 (Floyd Little AC, New Haven), 5 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

SCC: Hand at Lyman Hall/Coginchaug, 5 p.m.
Sunday's college results

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UMASS LOWELL 70, SACRED HEART 62
UMASS 77, FAIRFIELD 73 (OT)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Basketball HoF Women's Showcase (Mohegan Sun)
LOUISVILLE 69, UCONN 64
MICHIGAN 74, BAYLOR 68
Monday's college schedule

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fairfield at Quinnipiac, 6 p.m.
Tuesday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn at Marquette, 9 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart at Boston College, 11 a.m.
Central at Albany, 7 p.m.
Wednesday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hartford at Sacred Heart, 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UMass at Hartford, noon
Thursday's college schedule

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Howard at Yale, 2 p.m.
Wagner at Fairfield, 2 p.m.
Central at Rutgers, 8:30 p.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
Creighton; 2-0; 1.000; 9-3; .750
Providence; 1-0; 1.000; 11-1; .917
Xavier; 1-0; 1.000; 11-1; .917
St. John's; 1-0; 1.000; 8-3; .727
Butler; 0-0; .000; 7-4; .636
Georgetown; 0-0; .000; 6-5; .545
DePaul; 0-1; .000; 9-1; .900
Seton Hall; 0-1; .000; 9-1; .900
UConn; 0-1; .000; 9-3; .750
Marquette; 0-1; .000; 8-4; .667
Villanova; 0-1; .000; 7-4; .636
Tuesday's schedule
Xavier at Villanova, 7 p.m.
UConn at Marquette, 9 p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
DePaul; 3-0; 1.000; 11-2; .846
Creighton; 3-0; 1.000; 7-3; .700
UConn; 1-0; 1.000; 6-3; .667
Marquette; 2-1; .667; 8-3; .727
Georgetown; 1-1; .500; 6-4; .600
St. John's; 1-1; .500; 5-6; .455
Seton Hall; 1-2; .333; 5-5; .500
Providence; 1-2; .333; 6-6; .500
Villanova; 0-2; .000; 5-5; .500
Xavier; 0-2; .000; 5-6; .455
Butler; 0-2; .000; 0-10; .000
Sunday's results
SETON HALL 69, MARQUETTE 57
DEPAUL 107, ST. JOHN'S 93
CREIGHTON 71, PROVIDENCE 56
XAVIER 65, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 58
Basketball HoF Women's Showcase (Uncasville)
LOUISVILLE 69, UCONN 64
Tuesday's schedule
Wagner at Seton Hall, noon
Villanova at La Salle, 1 p.m.
Creighton at Arkansas, 2 p.m.
Hockey East standings
MEN'S
Team; OGP; OVR; CGP; CONF; CPTS
UMass Lowell; 16; 10-3-3; 11; 8-2-1; 25
UMass; 15; 9-4-2; 11; 7-2-2; 24
Northeastern; 18; 13-4-1; 11; 7-3-1; 23
Providence; 21; 14-7-0; 11; 6-5-0; 19
Boston College; 16; 8-5-3; 10; 5-3-2; 19
Boston University; 18; 6-9-3; 13; 5-5-3; 17
UConn; 14; 8-6-0; 9; 5-4-0; 14
Merrimack; 16; 6-9-1; 10; 3-7-0; 12
New Hampshire; 17; 7-9-1; 11; 3-7-1; 9
Vermont; 16; 3-11-2; 10; 2-6-2; 8
Maine; 17; 2-11-4; 11; 1-8-2; 7
Tuesday, Dec. 28 schedule
Holiday Face-Off (Milwaukee, Wisc.)
Bowling Green vs. Providence, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S
Team; OGP; OVR; CGP; CONF; CPTS
Northeastern; 19; 16-2-1; 14; 11-2-1; 35
Boston University; 18; 9-6-3; 15; 8-4-3; 27
UConn; 20; 14-4-2; 13; 8-3-2; 25
Boston College; 18; 10-8-0; 13; 8-5-0; 21
Vermont; 18; 9-7-2; 11; 6-4-1; 19
Providence; 17; 7-5-5; 10; 4-4-2; 16
Maine; 19; 6-12-1; 12; 4-7-1; 16
New Hampshire; 19; 6-11-2; 13; 4-8-1; 15
Merrimack; 20; 5-14-1; 15; 4-10-1; 15
Holy Cross; 17; 3-14-0; 12; 1-11-0; 3
Friday, Dec. 31 schedule
Vermont at Providence, 1 p.m.

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